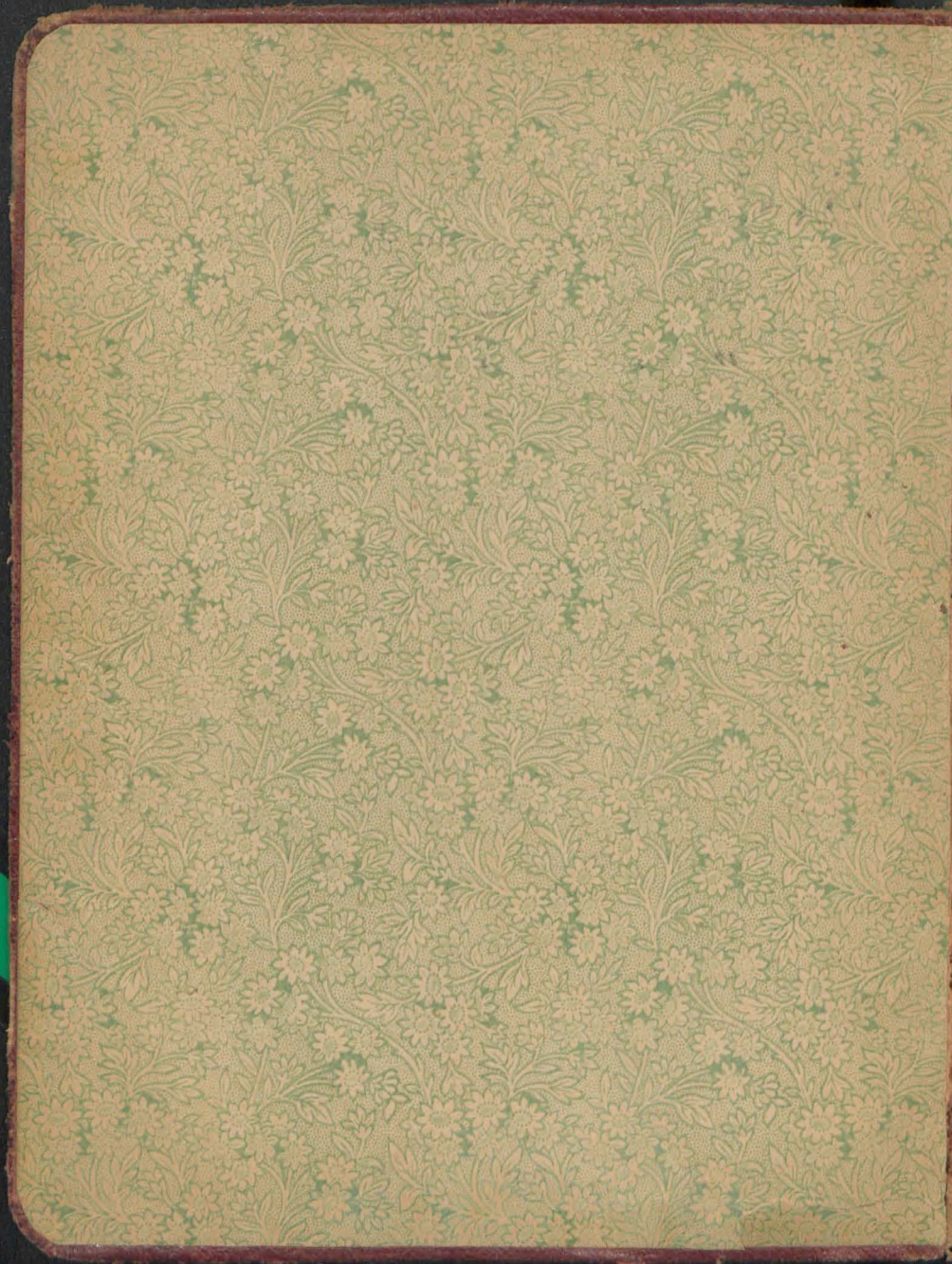


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NAME.

SECTION 1. (1) This Association shall be called the NATIONAL LEAGUE AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS.

OBJECTS.

SEC. 2. The objects of this League are :

(1) To perpetuate base ball as the National game of the United States, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.

(2) To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players, and

(3) To establish and regulate the professional base ball championship of the United States.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 3. This League shall consist of twelve clubs (*the membership of which shall not be increased or diminished for a period of ten years*) located in the following named cities, to wit : Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Cleveland and Chicago ; or such other clubs as may, from time to time, be elected to membership, as may be hereinafter provided for; *but in no event shall there be more than one club in any city.*

WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 4. Any club member of this League finding itself unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, shall have the right to ask the League for permission to dispose of its rights and franchises, as a member of the League, to some other city or

organization. In the event of this League giving its consent to the acceptance of such city or organization to membership, providing said club shall assume, together with the rights and franchises of said retiring club, all the liabilities, responsibilities and obligations entered into by said retiring club, as a member of this League. Provided, also, and it must be so understood by the retiring and the new member, that the retiring club shall not be relieved or released from any contracts, responsibilities or obligations, entered into by it to this League, until all of said contracts, responsibilities and obligations have been fully paid and determined by the club accepting its membership, rights, franchises, etc.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 5. No club shall be admitted to membership unless it shall first have delivered to the Secretary of the League a written application signed by its President and Secretary, and accompanied by documents showing that such club bears the name of the city in which it is located, and that it is regularly organized and officered, and, where the State law permits it, chartered. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the Secretary to the Board of Directors, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application, said report to be communicated to the League through the Secretary.

SEC. 6. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by ballot, a three-fourths vote being requisite for election.

IN REGARD TO VACANCIES.

SEC. 7. In case a vacancy occurs in the membership of this organization during the championship season, the President shall nominate to all the clubs all applicants for membership; and the vote thereon may be taken by telegraph or mail, as occasion may require, and a majority of all the clubs will be required to admit any applicant to membership. Such membership, however, shall continue only until the next annual meeting, but such club shall be subject to all the rules and requirements of this organization.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 8. The membership of any club may be terminated—

- (1) By resignation duly accepted by a three-fourths vote of all the clubs in meeting duly convened, as provided in Section 4.
- (2) By failure to present its nine at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless caused by unavoidable accident in traveling.

(3) By allowing open betting or pool selling upon its grounds or in any building owned or occupied by it.

(4) By playing any game of ball with a club that is disqualified or ineligible under this Constitution.

(5) By offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball; or failing to immediately expel any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.


(6) By disbandment of its organization or club team during the championship season.

(7) By failing or refusing to fulfill its contractual obligations.

(8) By failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the Board of Directors.

(9) By wilfully violating any provision of this Constitution, or the legislation or playing rules made in pursuance thereof, or any violation of the provisions of the National Agreement.

THE EXPULSION OF CLUBS.

SEC. 9. To carry into effect the provisions of Section 8 of this Constitution, the facts in any case covered by such section must be reported to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once notify, by mail or telegraph, the party charged with the specified default or offense and inquire whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe; and their finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding shall be forwarded to each club, which shall transmit to the Secretary written ballots "For Expulsion" or "Against Expulsion"; and if all clubs vote "For Expulsion" the Secretary shall notify all clubs of the forfeiture of membership of the party charged. 

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

SEC. 10. (1) Each club shall pay to the Secretary, on or before the first day of April of each year, the sum of \$100 as annual dues; and such other sums as from time to time may be assessed for the payment of salaries of officers and umpires, and for such other expenses as may be incurred by order of this League or the Board of Directors. Also all fines and penalties imposed by said League or its Board of Directors upon a club or upon any club officer, player, manager, scorer, or other employe when so levied and imposed by virtue of, and in accordance with, the provisions of this Constitution and the playing rules of this League.

THE IMPOSING OF FINES.

(2) Upon conviction of any of the offenses prescribed in Section 8, as causes for expulsion, the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to, or in lieu of expulsion, impose such a fine as is in their judgment commensurate with the injury; which fine may include a penalty payable to any other club or clubs, as an equivalent for damages sustained for such violation of this Constitution, or of the legislation or contracts made in pursuance thereof.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 11. At its annual meeting the League shall elect a President-Secretary-Treasurer and Board of Directors. The President shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall report to the Board of Directors any violation of the provisions of this Constitution that may come to his knowledge. *He shall be the sole interpreter of the playing rules during the championship season.* He shall preside at all the meetings of the League, and at the annual meeting of the League shall act as a schedule committee.

Should the office of President become vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the Board of Directors shall, within thirty days thereafter, elect a President.

SEC. 12. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President and six other members, to be chosen at the annual meeting by lot, three of whom shall represent the Eastern clubs and three the Western clubs.

QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 13. No person shall be qualified to act as Director who is not an actual member of the club he represents; nor shall any club, under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board of Directors.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SEC. 14. The Board shall have the general supervision and management of all affairs and business of the League, and shall be individually answerable to the League for the faithful discharge of their trust.

SEC. 15. The Board shall meet annually on the morning of the second Tuesday in December, at 12 o'clock noon, at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings whenever urgent necessity may require.

SEC. 16. The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same in writing to the League at its annual meeting; which report shall, if accepted, be filed

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with the Secretary ; together with all official papers, documents and property, which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

VACANCY IN THE BOARD.

SEC. 17. In case of vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence, or disqualification of any Director, the club of which he was a member, at the time he was chosen, shall designate his successor, and at once notify the Secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding, or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of Directors in Section 12.

THE SECRETARY'S DUTIES.

SEC. 18. The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League ; receive all dues, fees and assessments ; make such payments, as shall be ordered by the Board or by the vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts ; and he shall give such bond, with approved sureties, as the Board may require.

SEC. 19. The Secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League ; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and the Board ; shall issue all official notices, and attend to the necessary correspondence ; he shall also prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SEC. 20. The Secretary shall keep a record of all infractions of the rules and regulations of the League that may come under his notice, and shall make a report on the same to the Board at its next meeting.

SEC. 21. The Secretary shall receive such salary as the Board, by vote, shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in the service of the League ; and the Board may exact from him such guarantees for the faithful performance of his duties as they would deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office he shall account for, and deliver up to the Board, all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

LAWS GOVERNING EMPLOYEES.

INDIVIDUAL CLUB CONTROL.

SEC. 22. Each club belonging to this League shall have the

right to regulate its own affairs ; to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, suspend or expel its own manager, players or other employes, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination ; but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests, and not in conflict with any provision of this Constitution ; or the playing rules of this League. The President of the League shall have power, upon proper proof, to inflict a fine for any such offenses not exceeding \$200, which fine can only be remitted by the Board of Directors.

CLUB TERRITORIAL RIGHTS.

SEC. 23. Every club of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located, and of the territory surrounding such city, to the extent of five miles in every direction from its corporate limits ; and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances—except with the consent of the local League club, until all League championship games on that ground shall have been finished—be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located ; nor shall a visiting League club play any game in April, with any non-League club, within said five miles from the corporate limits of the city in which the League club is located, without the consent of the local League club.

MODE OF CONTRACT.

SEC. 24. Contracts made between a club and its players may be either by telegram or writing, to be followed within thirty days thereafter by a contract in the form approved and promulgated by the Secretary to all the clubs of the League.

ON RESERVATION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 25. Each club a member of this League shall be entitled to the right of reservation. On or before the 30th day of September in each year each club shall transmit to the Secretary a reserve list of the players whose services it desires to retain, and who are then under contract to the said club for the current or for any succeeding season or seasons ; and in addition thereto the names of such players reserved in any prior annual list who have refused to contract with said club. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with, shall be ineligible to contract with any other club in this League except as hereinafter provided. *No club shall have the right to reserve any player when in arrears of salary to him.* The Secretary shall promulgate such lists.

MAKING CONTRACTS.

SEC. 26. The League shall adopt such form of contract as it may deem best for the protection of the rights of the parties thereto. All contracts must be approved by the Secretary, and duly promulgated by him. The ten days' release, provided for in the seventeenth paragraph of the League form of contract, shall begin to run from the time of notice thereof received by the Secretary of the League, who shall, at once, promulgate the same to all club members. At the expiration of said ten days the player, so released, shall be eligible to contract with the releasing club, or any other club member.

EXPULSION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 27. Any player, while under contract with, or reservation by, a League club, who shall, without the consent of such club, enter the service of any other club in any capacity, shall be liable to expulsion by said League club. Whenever a club releases a manager or player without notice, or gives him ten days' notice of release in accordance with the terms of his contract, or suspends or expels a manager or player, that club shall at once notify the Secretary of this League, stating, in case of release, the date when the same takes effect, and in case of suspension or expulsion, the cause thereof.

NEGOTIATING FOR SERVICES.

SEC. 28. No player, without the consent of the club with which he is under contract or reservation, shall enter into negotiations with any other club for future services; but if such consent be obtained, a player may negotiate for his release, and offer a money consideration therefor, which may be accepted by the said releasing club.

EFFECT OF CLUB DISBANDMENT.

SEC. 29. The disbandment of a League club, or its withdrawal from or loss of League membership, shall operate as a release of its players from contract and reservation with said club, but the right to contract with and reserve said players shall be subject to transfer to such other club as the League may designate after acceptance of their said services.

ON SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 30. No manager or player, who has been suspended or expelled from a League club, shall at any time thereafter be allowed to play with, or serve in any capacity, any League club (either the one expelling him or any other) unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or, upon his appeal to this League, such expulsion or suspension shall have been set aside.

PLAYING WITH OUTSIDE CLUBS.

SEC. 31. No game of base ball shall be played between a

League club and any other club that has been expelled from membership in this League. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled, or under suspension from the League, or otherwise rendered ineligible by this League or a club member thereof. A violation of this section shall forfeit the game in favor of the non-offending club, and subject it to such fine as the Board of Directors may impose.

"CROOKEDNESS" AND ITS PENALTIES.

SEC. 32. Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the playing rules; or who, while acting as umpire, shall violate any provision of the Constitution, or of the playing rules adopted hereunder, may *be forever disqualified by the President of the League from acting as umpire, manager, player or in any other capacity in any game of ball participated in by a League club.*

THE UMPIRES AND THEIR DUTIES.

THE STAFF OF UMPIRES.

SEC. 33. A staff of League Umpires shall be selected by the Secretary before the opening of the regular season.

(1) They shall be paid such salaries and allowed such expenses as may be mutually agreed upon by contract between them and the Secretary of the League, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the League.

(2) They shall be under the sole control and direction of the Secretary, from whom they will receive all assignments to duty and all instructions regarding the interpretation of the playing rules, and the Secretary shall prescribe a proper uniform for them, all parts of which shall be worn while officiating as Umpire.

THEIR DUTIES.

(3) In the event of the failure of Umpires to umpire a game assigned to them, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide a substitute to umpire such game; and in such case there shall be deducted from the next annual payment to the League Umpire the sum of twelve dollars for each game assigned to him, which for any reason he shall have failed to umpire.

(4) It shall be the duty of an Umpire *to enforce the rules as they are written, regardless of his personal opinion as to their merit.* This shall especially apply to Rule 52, Rule 60 and Rule 61; and in the event of his failure to enforce these rules he shall be fined \$25 for the first offense and \$50 for the second offense, upon the sworn statement of the Captain of one of the opposing teams and two reputable witnesses, which affidavits must be forwarded to the League Secretary within twenty-four hours of the offense.

(5) It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as umpires for any championship game such League Umpires or substitutes as the Secretary shall assign to such game. In the event of the non-appearance of both League Umpires or substitutes at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, each Club Captain shall then select one of the substitute players of the opposing club, and the two players thus selected shall be the duly authorized Umpires for that game.

THEIR REMOVAL.

(6) Any League Umpire shall be subject to removal by the Secretary at any time, and in the event of the resignation, removal or expulsion of any League Umpire the Secretary shall have power to appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy thus created.

CAUSE FOR EXPULSION.

SEC. 34. Any League Umpire who shall in the judgment of the President of the League be guilty of ungentlemanly conduct, or of selling or offering to sell a game of which he is Umpire, shall thereupon be removed from his official capacity and placed under the same disabilities inflicted upon expelled players by the Constitution of this League.

SETTLEMENT OF CLUB DISPUTES.

THE GOVERNING TRIBUNAL.

SEC. 35. The Board of Directors shall be the sole tribunal to determine disputes *between clubs*; the facts to be submitted, and the dispute adjudicated under such regulations as the Board shall prescribe in each case. Where such dispute is in relation to a game alleged to have been played in violation of this Constitution or of the Playing Rules, the complaint and accompanying proofs must be filed within five days after the date of said game with the President of the Board, who shall send a copy of the same to the other club, with orders to file its answer within five days thereafter. The President of the Board shall in the first instance decide the dispute on its merits and forthwith communicate his decision to both clubs, either of which may within five days appeal from said decision to the full Board. Said decision, together with all other documents and proofs, shall thereupon be transmitted for a mail vote to the different members of the Board. *The finding of the Board shall be final*, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board.

SEC. 36. The Board shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club (prior to the expiration of the championship season) for

conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution, or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball; and shall have power to require the club, to which such player or manager may belong, to discipline him, and upon repetition of such offense to expel him. Provided that such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and such particulars shall be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

ADJUDICATING COMPLAINTS BY PLAYERS.

SEC. 37. In case a player, under contract with a League club, shall, during a current season, prefer a complaint in writing to the Secretary of the League against such a club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due on account of such contract, the Secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if one week shall have elapsed without the receipt of an answer, the Secretary shall refer the paper in the case to the Board of Directors through its Chairman, and should the Board find the player's complaint sustained, they shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player forthwith the full amount ascertained to be due him. Provided that should the player refuse to serve the club pending action by the Board on his complaint, he will thereby forfeit the benefits of the award, and in such case the Board shall revoke his award.

THE COURT OF APPEAL.

SEC. 38. The Board shall also be the *sole tribunal* of the hearing of an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled, suspended, or disciplined by his club. The matter shall be proceeded with in the following manner: Such person shall, within thirty days after the date of the expulsion, suspension, or discipline, file with the Secretary a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal; and at the next annual meeting of the club, by its duly authorized representative; and the appellant in person, by attorney or by written statement, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

SEC. 39. No Director shall sit in the trial of a cause in which his club is interested.

SEC. 40. Any expense of trials or arbitrations shall be borne equally by the parties to the controversy.

ADOPTING PLAYING RULES.

SEC. 41. This League shall adopt such playing rules as it deems best for the conduct of its business.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES.

THE COMPETING CLUBS.

SEC. 42. The championship of the United States, established by this League, shall be contended for yearly by the clubs composing the League.

DURATION OF THE SEASON.

SEC. 43. The championship season shall extend from such date in April or May to such date in September or October as the League may determine at its stated or special meeting.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.

SEC. 44. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series between such clubs shall be a game for the championship, and no League club shall lend or exchange players to or with each other for any game played during the championship season. Any violation of this section shall subject each offender to a fine of \$100.

NUMBER OF GAMES.

SEC. 45. Each club shall play twelve or more championship games with every other club; but a tie or draw game or a game prevented by rain shall be played off on the same ground on the next or a succeeding date of the same or subsequent series, whether open or scheduled for another game between the same clubs, thus compelling double games for said scheduled date. If, however, both series shall have terminated, such postponed game must be played off on the ground of the other club on a date open or scheduled during a subsequent series between the same clubs.

SEC. 46. Each club shall have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its grounds, except as otherwise provided in Section 45; and in all the details of such games, that do not involve the rights of the visiting club under the playing rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home

club; provided, nevertheless, that the home club shall not be permitted to change the usual hour for the commencement of scheduled games in its particular city more than thirty (30) minutes without first having obtained the consent of the visiting club thereto, under a penalty to the visiting club of \$500. The visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club the batting order of its nine by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day of each game, or the evening previous, if requested. In case of the failure of any visiting club to furnish the batting order of its nine as herein stipulated, it shall forfeit the sum of \$10, which amount shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the League, upon the receipt of notice from him of the infliction of such fine, which notice shall be given by the Secretary upon receipt of complaint from the home club.

It shall be the duty of the home club to furnish the manager and captain of the visiting club with a list of the batting order before the commencement of the game under similar penalties for default as herein prescribed. The visiting club shall have the right to practise its nine on the grounds of the home club between 11 and 12 o'clock A. M. on each day of its visit during the championship season.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE.

SEC. 47. All championship games shall be arranged in a written schedule prepared by the Schedule Committee, and reported to and adopted by the League by a three-fourths vote before the beginning of the championship season. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games, and shall specify the date of each game and the date of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of two clubs from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs to another day prior to the first and subsequent to the last date of the same schedule series between such clubs; or (2) as provided in Sec. 45; or (3) by the written consent of three-fourths of all the League clubs.

Any club or clubs violating this section shall be amenable to a penalty of \$1,000. This to apply to the clubs so playing. Said penalty to be paid within forty-eight hours to the Treasurer of the National League and American Association, or if not so paid to be withheld from any funds to their credit in the hands of the Treasurer. All games played in violation of this section shall not count in the championship series.

THE ADMISSION FEES AND RECEIPTS.

SEC. 48. The general admission fee to all championship

games shall be fifty (50) cents, but each club shall designate a part of its grounds, and provide seats thereon, the admission fee to which shall be twenty-five (25) cents, and all division of percentages shall be made on the basis of fifty (50) cents, except as to that part of the grounds the admission fee to which is fixed at twenty-five (25) cents, and as to such part of said grounds all divisions of percentage shall be on the basis of twenty-five cents.

At the conclusion of each championship game the home club shall deliver to the manager of the visiting club (and shall transmit by mail to the President or other designated official of the visiting club a duplicate of the same) a statement of the receipts of said game, which must include all fifty-cent and twenty-five cent admissions, and shall pay to the visiting club fifty per centum of said receipts.

SEC. 49. Out of the funds of this League now in the hands of the Secretary he shall create a Sinking Fund not to exceed \$12,000, which shall be invested in Government bonds. All other funds shall be placed in the treasury to meet current expenses.

THE TURNSTILE COUNT.

SEC. 50. The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles, the arms of which shall extend within four inches of a dividing partition, the keys of which shall be delivered to the agent of the visiting club before the opening of the grounds for each game; and said agent of the visiting club shall have full access to such turnstile, and the box of such turnstile shall not be removed until after the close of the seventh innings, and in case a carriage gate is used a ticket for each person admitted through such gate shall at once be delivered to the agent of the visiting club. No person shall be admitted free to the grounds during or prior to such game or the hour appointed therefor, excepting only players of contesting clubs, policemen in uniform, the umpires and the necessary employes of the home club. The visiting club shall have the right to accept the turnstile count for each and all games, or to count all tickets. Each club shall be required to use for its business a substantial pasteboard ticket, which can be readily counted.

GROUND ENTRANCES.

SEC. 51. No club shall be allowed to have more than four entrances to its grounds except upon holidays, but for all such days the visiting club shall be given at least ten days' notice of the whole number and location of additional entrances; pro-

vided, however, emergency gates may be opened by consent of the visiting club if occasion requires.

STOPPING PLAY TO CATCH TRAINS.

SEC. 52. On any day when either club is required to leave a city to, or in order to reach another city in time, where it is scheduled to play its next game, the home club shall be compelled upon proper notice by the visiting club to begin the game three hours and a half before the time of the departure of the last train by means of which either club can reach the next scheduled point in time. And either club may leave the field at any time within one hour of said train time without forfeiting any rights or privileges, provided five innings on each side have been played, and the Umpire shall be the sole judge of the time.

GIVING OUT RAIN CHECKS.

SEC. 53. In the event of a game being stopped by rain or declared forfeited before completion of five innings, the home club may issue rain checks, good for any succeeding game. If rain checks are so issued the visiting club shall not be entitled to its percentage of receipts; but if rain checks are not issued, the visiting club shall be entitled to its percentage of receipts, precisely as if the game had been fully played.

ON FORFEITED GAMES.

SEC. 54. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in case where the umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any section of this Constitution or of any playing rule; and in the event of such forfeiture being caused by the withdrawal of the players during the progress of the game, or by a failure to report with its team at the time fixed for the game, unless written notice has been received from the home club that the game cannot be played, then such forfeiting club *shall incur a penalty of one thousand dollars*, and in the event of forfeiture for any other cause, five hundred dollars, which shall be payable to the Secretary of the League within ten days thereafter for the use and benefit of the non-offending club, but said fine may be remitted or modified upon appeal to and a hearing by the Board of Directors. In addition to the penalty above referred to, the *captain or manager*, or the person in charge of the offending team and responsible for the team leaving the field, *shall incur a penalty of one hundred dollars*, which shall be paid within five days to the Secretary of the League, said penalty not to be remitted under any circumstances. In case such penalties are not paid within the time named, the club and player cannot participate in a championship game.

ON DRAWN GAMES.

SEC. 55. Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in the series as games (but any game of not less than five innings shall be included in the averages), but must be played off, if possible, as provided in Section 45. If they cannot be played off, as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off, if sufficient time exists before the close of the season.

Double games for one admission shall not be permitted unless previously scheduled as such or rendered compulsory by the playing off of postponed games, as provided in Section 45.

WINNING THE PENNANT.

SEC. 56. The club which shall have won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series, shall be declared the champion club of the United States for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same percentage of games, then the Board shall at once arrange a special series of three games between any two of such clubs, such games to be played at the close of the championship season, and the games so played shall be included in the championship record, and counted in determining the award of the championship. In such case only the provisions of this Constitution prohibiting the playing or recording as championship games, games played after the expiration of the championship season, shall have no effect. The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the National colors) to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won, and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing year.

DECIDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEC. 57. The championship shall be decided in the following manner:

Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the playing rules, together with the date, the place where played, the names of the clubs and umpire, provided that no tie or drawn game shall be considered a game for any purpose except the averages; and provided, further, that in any case where the Secretary shall not receive the score of a championship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose

duty it is to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of \$2 as the penalty of such default.

At the close of the season the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the statement so sent him, which statement shall be the sole evidence in the matter, and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall make the award in writing and report the same to the League at its annual meeting.

In making the award the Board shall consider :

- (1) The tabular statement of the Secretary.
- (2) Forfeited games.
- (3) Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded, or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs ; such games shall be counted to the following extent : The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall from the first game participated in during the championship series by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series. Provided, that if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SEC. 58. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the second Tuesday in December of each year, at 2 o'clock P. M., and at such places as shall have been determined by a vote at the previous annual meeting.

CLUB REPRESENTATION.

SEC. 59. At such meeting each club shall be represented and shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have in addition thereto any of its officers or ex-officers present at such meeting ; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement as a ball player or manager, and belonging to the nine of said club in such capacity. They shall present a certificate from the President or Secretary of their club, showing their authority to act, but no club shall have more than one vote.

THE LEAGUE SESSIONS.

SEC. 60. This League may, upon a majority vote of its members, elect to go into executive session for the transaction of its

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business, and during such sessions no club shall be entitled to more than two (2) representatives.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 61. Special meetings may be called by the President of this League on his own option or on the written call of six clubs.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SEC. 62. A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

SEC. 63. The following shall be the order of business, unless suspended by a three-fourths vote of the club members:

1. Reading Minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Election of new members.
5. Amendment of Constitution.
6. Amendment of Playing Rules.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 64. (1) The Constitution of this League may be altered or amended by a *three-fourths vote of the League at any annual meeting*, or by a unanimous vote at any other time. Provided, however, that this section and Sections 3, 8, 48 and 49 shall not be altered or amended except by a unanimous vote of this League.

(2) Any section of this Constitution may be suspended or its provision made non-applicable by *unanimous vote at a League meeting*.

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Of Professional Base Ball Associations Adopted by the National Board of Arbitration February 24, 1896.

NAME.

ARTICLE 1. This instrument shall be called "The National Agreement of Professional Base Ball Associations."

OBJECTS.

ARTICLE 2. The objects of this Agreement are:

1. To perpetuate base ball as the national game of America, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.

2. To promote and afford protection to such minor Professional Base Ball Leagues and Associations as may desire to operate under its provisions.

THE GOVERNING POWER.

ARTICLE 3. The governing power under this Agreement, which shall be called "The National Board of Arbitration," shall be vested in six representatives selected by the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs (hereinafter designated the Major League), and such representatives from minor organizations of Professional Base Ball Clubs (hereinafter designated Minor Leagues) as may be admitted to membership by the National Board of Arbitration from time to time under the rules governing membership.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

ARTICLE 4. The annual meeting of the National Board shall be held on the second Tuesday in December of each year, at which time the representatives elected by the major League shall elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD.

ARTICLE 5.—1. The general enforcement of this Agreement, the protection of rights thereunder, the determination of all controversies as hereinafter provided and generally the regulation of all things within the scope of this Agreement are each and severally conferred upon and committed to the National Board of Arbitration.

2. The Board may adopt rules and regulations prescribing the duties of each and all of its members and officers, its methods of procedure and the general transaction of its business.

3. It shall be the duty of the Board and it shall have full and final jurisdiction:

To hear and determine all disputes and complaints between associations and clubs; between one club and another, members of the same or of different associations; between clubs and players or managers, and, in addition thereto, all disputes and complaints arising under and of all matters involving the interpretation of the National Agreement or the disposition of the rights thereunder, and may hold special meetings for these purposes when required. The Board shall have power also to pass upon any question

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brought before it by a club member or members of any organization, where unjust discrimination has been made against any club or clubs, and, if upon a hearing, the Board finds that such charge or charges are true, it shall have the power to impose such fines or penalties as it deems proper, or to forfeit and terminate the privileges of such organization under this agreement.

POWER TO IMPOSE FINES.

4. In the performance of its duties the Board shall have power to impose fines or penalties upon associations, clubs, club officers, players, managers, scorers and umpires, and to suspend any such organization or person from the protection and privileges of the National Agreement in any instance in which, in its opinion, it or he shall have been guilty of conduct detrimental to the general welfare of the game or in violation of the letter or spirit of the National Agreement.

DECISION FINAL.

5. Its decision shall be final over any and all matters within its jurisdiction.

REINSTATEMENTS.

6. It may reinstate any person or body suspended.

ASSESSMENTS.

7. It shall have power to make such reasonable assessments upon clubs or associations as may be necessary to defray the expenses incidental to the performance of its duties and the enforcement of this Agreement.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

8. It may make all orders, rules and regulations for the performance of its duties and the exercise of its power, and to accomplish the purpose in view, may amend and supplement the same from time to time; provided, notice of all changes, amendments or supplements be given to all organizations party to this agreement.

DECISIONS PROMULGATED,

9. It may cause its proceedings or rulings, or any part thereof, in any case which may be deemed of sufficient importance to serve as a precedent, to be published in such a manner as may be prescribed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

10. Whenever any body or persons shall desire to submit any matter for the consideration of the Board, it shall be presented to the chairman by a concise statement thereof, and accompanied by such evidence as may be in support of such statement. Notice shall be given to any other body or person interested in the matter to make answer and to present appropriate evidence in support thereof.

MINOR LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 6. An application for membership and protection under this Agreement must be made in writing or by telegraph to the Secretary of the Board. If made by telegraph it must state the name of the League, the cities comprising the circuit and have the signature of the President of the League, which must be followed within ten days by a written application to the Sec-

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retary of the Board stating the name of the League, the cities comprising the circuit, the representatives of the respective cities, the location of their business offices and playing grounds, if practical, the monthly salary limit for its club teams and maximum monthly salary limit of its players, a pledge or agreement for the maintenance of said salary limit and the faithful performance of its obligations under this Agreement, its own Constitution and By-Laws and its other contractual obligations, which club membership, location of club offices and playing grounds, salary limit, Constitution, Agreements, By-Laws and pledges, shall not, after approval by the Board, be changed, modified, altered or released without the assent of the Board.

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 7. The Board, upon the receipt of an application for protection and membership under this Agreement, shall, after consideration and approval, determine the class under which the applicant shall be admitted, the said classification to be based upon the average population of the cities composing the League according to the last published U. S. Census preceding the application, and membership fee shall be an amount fixed by the Board for Leagues of that class.

MINOR LEAGUE REPRESENTATION.

ARTICLE 8. Each Minor League shall be entitled to one representative of its own selection, who shall have the right to appear before the Board upon any or all matters pertaining to its interest or welfare, but the Board may, at its discretion, invite additional representation in the adjustment of any matter which may be brought before it.

FEE FOR PROTECTION AND MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 9. The fee for membership and protection under this Agreement, with the right of reservation subject to Articles 10 and 11 shall be:

- For each Club in Class A the sum of \$75.
- For each Club in Class B the sum of \$50.
- For each Club in Class C the sum of \$40.
- For each Club in Class D the sum of \$30.
- For each Club in Class E the sum of \$30.
- For each Club in Class F the sum of \$10.

Such payments to be made within thirty days from the date of filing the written application for membership.

SELECTION OF PLAYERS BY THE MAJOR LEAGUE.

ARTICLE 10. For the purpose of enabling players to advance in their profession, the Major League may, at any time after the first of October of each year, and prior to the first of January following, with the consent of the Board, negotiate with any player then under contract or reservation to a minor league under this Agreement, and shall have the right to select such player, upon payment to the Secretary of the Board the sum specified in Article 12, provided that no such selection shall be enforced and no transfer of a player shall be made unless he shall receive an increase of salary.

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SELECTION OF PLAYERS BY MINOR LEAGUES.

ARTICLE 11. For the purpose of enabling players to advance in their profession and to assist in building up clubs of minor leagues, a club of a higher class shall have the right, with the consent of the Board, after January 1 of each year, and prior to the first of February following, to select players from a league in a lower class upon payment to the Secretary of the Board the sum specified in Article 12, provided that no such selection shall be enforced, and no transfer of a player shall be made unless he shall receive an increase of salary.

TERMS FOR SELECTION OF PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 12—SEC. 1. Clubs from a high class selecting players from leagues of a lower class shall pay to the Secretary of the Board for the benefit and account of the club from which the selection is made the following sums, viz.:

- For Players in Class A, \$500.
- For Players in Class B, \$300.
- For Players in Class C, \$200.
- For Players in Class D, \$100.
- For Players in Class E, \$75.
- For Players in Class F, \$50.

SEC. 2. Payments must be made at the time of selection, and unless such payment be withdrawn and the selection cancelled by the selecting club within thirty days from the date of selection, the Secretary of the Board shall remit to the club the amount received by him on account of such selection.

SEC. 3. Any club entitled to make selection of a player and desiring to do so, shall notify the Secretary of the Board stating the name of the player and of the club with which he is under contract and reservation and enclosing amount specified in Section 1, Article 12, to be paid for such release. The Secretary shall thereupon notify the club or league from which such selection is to be made and shall order his transfer to the selecting club. Notice of such selection and transfer shall thereupon be promulgated.

ASSIGNMENT OF UNDEVELOPED PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 13. For the purpose of retaining control of undeveloped but promising players whose releases have been purchased, all Leagues, parties to this Agreement, may, prior to the opening of its championship season, assign its surplus players to a club member of any other League party to this Agreement, upon mutual agreement between the clubs interested; providing no other club member of the League from which the assignment is to be made desires such player at the terms of such purchase. Notice of such transfers and assignments and the conditions governing must be filed with the Secretary of the Board, and the salary of the player must not be less than the salary limit adopted by the league to which he has been assigned.

ART. 14. Any club member of the major league may at any time between April 1 and October 1 negotiate with a club member of a minor league, party to this Agreement, for the release of a player from minor to major

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league, to take effect after October 1 of the same year, or for an immediate release if the Constitution of such minor league permits, and such release shall at once be filed with and promulgated by the Secretary of the Board and become binding upon both clubs party to the transfer.

ART. 15. Any club member of a minor league, party to this Agreement, may at any time during its championship season negotiate for the immediate release of a player from a club member of another league where the league constitution of the releasing club permits, and such release, if secured, shall, when filed with the Secretary of the Board, become binding upon both clubs party to the transfer, providing the salary of the player so transferred during the championship season shall not be reduced during the balance of the season unless he be given an unconditional release.

CONTRACTS.

ARTICLE 16. Contracts between clubs and players shall be in writing in the form approved by the Board. An informal contract, whether evidenced by telegram or other writing, shall be valid for a period not exceeding thirty days, but a formal contract must be tendered by the contracting club to the contracting player within said thirty days. The failure of the club to so tender such formal contract will release the player from all contractual obligations thereunder, and the refusal of the player to execute such formal contract, when so tendered, shall extend the validity of his informal contract until he shall execute said formal contract.

UNLAWFUL CONTRACTS.

ARTICLE 17. No club shall at any time enter into negotiations or contract with any player under contract to or reservation by another club without the latter's consent, under such fines and penalties as the Board may inflict.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 18. Applications for membership by minor leagues desiring protection under this Agreement must be made each year to the Secretary of the Board, as provided in Article 6.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 19. All rights under this Agreement shall terminate on the first day of October unless renewed between the fifteenth and twenty-fifth of September of each year, according to Article 18.

NEW LEAGUES.

ARTICLE 20. Newly organized leagues may ask for and be admitted to membership at any time, but such membership shall terminate on the first of October following unless renewed according to Article 19.

RESERVATION.

ARTICLE 21. On or before the 25th day of September in each year the secretaries of minor leagues, parties hereto, entitled to the privilege of reservation, shall transmit to the Secretary of the Board a reserve list of players, not exceeding fourteen in number, then under contract with each of its several club members for the current season, and in addition thereto a list of such players reserved in any prior annual reserve list who have refused to contract with such clubs and of all ineligible players. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with by

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such clubs, are and shall be ineligible to contract with any other club of any league, except as herein prescribed. The Secretary of said Board shall thereupon promulgate such lists, provided that no club shall be permitted to reserve any player while in arrears of salary to him.

RELEASE FROM RESERVATION.

ARTICLE 22. The Board may also release from contract or reservation any player or manager when the club with which he has contracted, or by which he has been reserved, shall be in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due, or when the reserving club has failed to tender to any player, on or before the first day of March, after such reservation, a formal contract, with a salary of at least such an amount per month as the Board may fix as the minimum salary to be paid to such player, or when any such reserving club has transferred its membership after the close of the championship season to a different league, if the Board shall deem that the player will be prejudiced by such transfer.

INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE NATIONAL AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE 23—SEC. 1. Any club member of any Minor league or association, a party to or identified with the National Agreement, that shall enter into any negotiation to become a member of or in any way co-operate with any organization of professional base ball clubs whose existence will in any manner conflict with the letter and spirit of this Agreement or the interests of any of the clubs operating under it, shall forthwith forfeit all rights and privileges conferred by this Agreement, said forfeiture to include its membership in any association a party to this Agreement, and all rights of reservation to players reserved during the current or any preceding season. The penalty herein imposed shall be positive and final and shall not be revoked unless by the unanimous consent of the Board or upon appeal by a three-fourths vote of the major league.

SEC. 2. Any officer, manager or player who shall enter into any such negotiations as referred to in Section 1 of Article 23, or who shall agree or contract to play with any club a member of such organization shall be declared ineligible and subject to all the disabilities referred to in the preceding section.

DISQUALIFIED PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 24. When a player or manager under contract or reservation by any club of an association party hereto shall be expelled, suspended or rendered ineligible in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or the rules of such association, notice of such disqualification shall be given to the Board by the secretary of the association from whose club the player may have been thus disqualified, and the Board shall forthwith give notice of such disqualification to the several leagues acting under this Agreement. When a player shall become ineligible under the provisions of this Agreement, or by order of the Board, the Secretary of the Board shall notify the several clubs acting under this Agreement of such disqualification. From the receipt of any such notice all club members of associations acting under this Agreement shall be debarred from employing or playing with or against

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such disqualified player until the period of disqualification shall have terminated or the disqualification be revoked by the association from which such player was disqualified or by the Board, and due notice of such revocation shall be given by the Board to the said several clubs.

SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 25. Any player who has entered into a contract with any club of an association party hereto may be suspended without pay or fined by such club or association for breach of contract or breach of any of the rules of such club or association, and he shall thereafter be ineligible to sign or play during the remainder of the current season with any of the clubs of any association acting hereunder, unless such disability shall have been sooner removed by the club or association by which he was suspended or by the Board.

ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE.

ARTICLE 26. Upon the release of a player from contract or reservation with any club member of an association then acting under this Agreement (unless the release be made by "selection" under Article 10 or 11), the services of such player shall at once be subject to acceptance by any club belonging to the same association, expressed in writing or by telegraph to the Secretary of the Board, for a period of ten days after notice of said release; and, thereafter, if said services be not so accepted, said player may negotiate and contract with any club. The releasing club shall send notice to the Secretary of the Board of said player's release on the date thereof, and the latter shall promulgate any acceptance of his services. Provided that the disbandment of a club or its expulsion from membership in either association acting hereunder shall operate as a release of all of its players from contract with or reservation by said club. But the services of such players shall at once be subject to the acceptance of such association for a period of ten days for the purpose of supplying the vacancy in its membership.

CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE.

ARTICLE 27. Each association shall have the right to make and enforce all rules and regulations pertaining to the control, discipline and compensation of all players under contract with its club members. And it may prescribe that all contracts with its players shall be made directly with said association, assignable to its club members, with the right of reservation to be exclusively exercised by said association, in which event all the provisions of this Agreement applying to contracts or reservation of players with and by club members, shall apply to such contracts and reservation of players with and by said association; provided that such rules and regulations shall in no way conflict with the provisions of this Agreement, or any rule, regulation or order of the Board.

TERRITORIAL RIGHTS.

ARTICLE 28. Each minor league whose application for membership under this Agreement has been accepted by the Board shall have exclusive control of its own territory until the termination of its membership, and no club from any other league party to this Agreement shall be allowed to play a

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game in any city of its circuit without the consent of the club representing such city, nor shall any club member of a minor league party hereto be allowed to play a game within five miles of any city in which is located a club member of the major league without the consent of such club.

INELIGIBLE PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 29. No game shall be played between any club of any league acting hereunder, or any of its players under contract or reservation, with any club containing an ineligible player; nor with a club that has played with another club containing such ineligible player. A violation of this section shall subject each offender to fine, suspension or expulsion, in the discretion of the Board.

TRANSFER OF PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 30. Should a club of any association agree in writing or by telegraph with another club of an association, subject to the National Agreement, for the release of any player then under contract or reservation with or by it, in accordance with the rules governing, either party may file said agreement with the Secretary of the Board, and should any such club refuse to comply with its said agreement, the Board may require said agreement to be complied with, and may transfer the said player accordingly.

PAYMENTS OF SALARIES.

ARTICLE 31. Before any league shall be granted the privileges and protection of this Agreement, it shall enact laws or regulations debarring any of its clubs from entering into contract with any player while under arrears of salary to him, and from suspending or otherwise attempting to disqualify such player for refusing to contract while it is so in arrears, and shall also provide for the expulsion of any club for refusal to pay arrears of salary to a player when required by said league or by the Board.

FORFEITURE OF RIGHTS.

ARTICLE 32. All rights of any league hereunder shall be forfeited for failing to expel any of its club members that may play a game of ball except under the Playing Rules adopted by the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

DEFINITION OF TERMS.

ARTICLE 33. The term "league or association" as herein used shall mean and comprise an organization of professional base ball clubs of not less than four clubs, whether known as a "league," "association," or by any other designation.

ARTICLE 34. This Agreement may be altered or amended at any time by the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs. It shall take effect and be in force from and after February 24, 1896, and all former Agreements are hereby revoked.

CLASSIFICATION OF LEAGUES TO BE GOVERNED BY THE AGREEMENT GATE POPULATION OF THE CITIES REPRESENTED.

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| Class A.....1,000,000 | Class D.....100,000 to 250,000 |
| Class B.....500,000 to 1,000,000 | Class E.....50,000 to 100,000 |
| Class C.....250,000 to 500,000 | Class F—Up to.....50,000 |

The Rules and Regulations of the National Board of Arbitration.

The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the National Board of Arbitration, and are here given in order that they may be understood by all those interested. The same being adopted and to remain in force until repealed, altered, added to or amended.

THE PRESIDENT.

1. The duties of the President shall be as follows:

(a) To issue calls for meetings of the Board, and preside at such meetings; having all powers with reference thereto which are incident to a presiding officer.

(b) To rule upon and decide all incidental and routine matters presented for determination, with power to delegate this duty to the Secretary or any member of the Board.

(c) To supervise the performance of the duties imposed upon the other members of the Board.

(d) To see that each and all of the orders of this Board are complied with.

THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

2. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one and the same person, and the duties of such officer shall be as follows:

(a) To receive, receipt for and disburse all moneys payable to this Board, and to make all financial statements required by the provisions of the National Agreement.

(b) To keep the records of the proceedings of the Board, together with all the records required to be kept by the provisions of the National Agreement.

(c) To issue all notices required by the National Agreement to be issued.

(d) To give interpretation to the playing rules when requested so to do, pursuant to the provisions of the National Agreement.

(e) To receive all applications for membership under the National Agreement, and to see that the applicants pay their proper dues.

(f) To give notice of all fines and penalties imposed by the Board, and to see that the same are paid.

(g) To attend to such other matters as may be required of him by the Board, and to keep records of all the business and duties connected with the Board.

ELECTIONS.

The Chairman and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually at some meeting after the first of January, and shall hold until their successors are elected and qualify.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS.

Whenever any controversy or matter to be submitted to the Board of adjustment or decision shall be forwarded, together with all evidence and documents therewith connected, to the Secretary and Treasurer, he shall, after submitting the same to the Board, promulgate or publish the opinion, which must be prepared by the Chairman or such other member of the Board as he shall designate.

SELECTION OF PLAYERS.

Whenever any player shall be "selected" by more than one club, the Board will award him to the club which shall have first filed formal notice with the Secretary that it desires the services of said player. Such notice, however, must be accompanied by the deposit required by the provisions of the National Agreement, otherwise such notice will be of no effect and void. A player so awarded shall be ineligible to sign with any other club, and upon declining to abide by the decisions of the Board, may be included in the regular list of reserved players of the club selecting him, as per the provisions of Article 21 of the National Agreement.

ACCEPTED PLAYERS.

Whenever the services of any player released under the provisions of the National Agreement are accepted by any club or association, authorized so to do by the provisions of such agreement, notice thereof shall be at once given to the Secretary, who shall accordingly promulgate the fact.

PAYMENTS.

All expenses of the Board, including compensation to the Secretary and Treasurer, or to any other agent, officer or member of the Board for special work performed, telegraphing, postage and such other expenses as shall be allowed, must be paid by check of the Secretary and Treasurer and vouchers taken thereof, which vouchers shall be submitted at least once a year to the Board for examination and approval.

THE NATIONAL BOARD

OF

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OFFICE: WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

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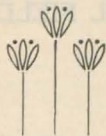
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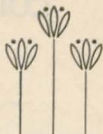
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NOTE.—For Specifications See Rules From No. 2 to No. 12.



The Playing Rules



OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS

As Adopted by the National League and American Association
of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

Alterations and additions to the rules are indicated by *Italics*.



RULE 1.—THE BALL GROUND.

The Ground must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these rules.

RULE 2.

To lay off the lines governing the positions and the play of the game known as Base Ball, proceed as follows:

From a point, A, within the grounds, project a right line out into the field, and at a point, B, 154 feet from point A, lay off lines B C and B D at right angles to the line A B; then, with B as centre and 63.63945 feet as radius, describe arcs cutting the lines B A at F and B C at G, B D at H and B E at I. Draw lines F G, G E, E H and H F, and said lines will be the containing lines of the Diamond or Infield.

RULE 3.—THE CATCHER'S LINES.

With F as centre and 90 feet radius, an arc cutting line F A at L, and draw lines L M and L O at right angles to F A; and continue same out from F A not less than 90 feet.

RULE 4.—THE FOUL LINE.

From the intersection point, F, continue the straight lines F G and F H until they intersect with the lines L M and L O, and then from the points G and H in the opposite direction until they reach the boundary lines of the grounds.

RULE 5.—THE PLAYERS' LINES.

With F as centre and 50 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines F O and F M at P and Q; then, with F as centre again and 75 feet radius, describe arcs cutting F G and F H at R and

S; then from the points P, Q, R and S draw lines at right angles to the lines F O, F M, F G and F H, and continue same until they intersect at the points T and W.

RULE 6.—THE CAPTAIN AND COACHER'S LINE.

With R and S as centres and 15 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines R W and S T at X and Y, and from the points X and Y draw lines parallel with lines F H and F G, and continue same out to the boundary lines of the ground.]

RULE 7.—THE THREE FOOT LINE.

With F as centre and 45 feet radius, describe an arc cutting line F G at 1, and from 1 out to the distance of 3 feet draw a line at right angles to F G, and marked point 2; then from point 2, draw a line parallel with the line F G to a point 3 feet beyond the point G, and marked 3; then from the point 3 draw a line at right angles to line 2, 3, back to and intersecting with line F G, and from thence back along line G F to point 1.

RULE 8.—THE PITCHER'S PLATE.

With point F as centre and 60.5 feet as radius, describe an arc cutting the line F B at a point 4, and draw a line 5, 6, passing through point 4 and extending 12 inches on either side of line F B; then with line 5, 6, as a side, describe a parallelogram 24 inches by 6 inches.

RULE 9.—THE BASES.

Within the angle F, describe a square the sides of which shall be 12 inches, two of its sides lying upon the lines F G and F H, and within the angles G and H describe squares the sides of which shall be 15 inches, the two outer sides of said square lying upon the lines F G and G I and F H and H I, and at the angle E describe a square whose sides shall be 15 inches and so described that its sides shall be parallel with G I and I H and its centre immediately over the angular point E.

RULE 10.—THE BATSMAN'S LINE.

On either side of the line A F B describe two parallelograms 6 feet long and 4 feet wide (marked 8 and 9), their length being parallel with the line A F B, their distance apart being 6 inches added to each end of the length of the diagonal of the square within the angle F, and the centre of their length being upon said diagonal.

RULE 11.

The Home Base at F and the Pitcher's Plate at 4 must be of whitened rubber, and so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface.

RULE 12.

The First Base at G, the Second Base at E, and the Third Base at H must be of white canvas bags, filled with soft material and securely fastened in their positions described in Rule 9.

RULE 13.

The lines described in Rules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 must be marked with lime, chalk or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the umpire.

NOTE.—For a simple way to lay off a ball field see addenda to playing rules on page 55.

RULE 14.—THE BALL.

SECTION 1. Must not weigh less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and it must measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding League Ball, or the Reach American Association Ball, must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2. For each championship game two regulation balls shall be furnished by the home club to the umpire for use. When the ball in play is batted to foul ground and out of sight of the umpire, the other ball shall be immediately brought into play. As often as one of the two in use shall be lost a new one must be substituted, so that the umpire shall at all times after the game begins have two balls in his possession and ready for use. The moment the umpire delivers an alternate ball to the pitcher, it comes into play, and shall not be exchanged until it, in turn, passes out of sight to foul ground. At no time shall the ball be intentionally discolored by rubbing it with the soil or otherwise. In the event of a new ball being intentionally discolored, or otherwise injured by a player, the umpire shall, upon appeal from the captain of the opposite side, forthwith demand the return of that ball, and shall substitute another new ball and impose a fine of \$5.00 upon the offending player.

SEC. 3. In all games the balls played with shall be furnished by the home club, and the last ball in play shall become the property of the winning club. Each ball to be used in championship games shall be examined, measured and weighed by the Secretary of the League, inclosed in a paper box, and sealed with the seal of the Secretary, which seal shall not be broken, except by the umpire, in the presence of the captains of the two contesting nines after play has been called.

The home club shall have, at least, a dozen regulation balls on the field ready for use on the call of the umpire during each championship game.

SEC. 4. Should the ball become cut or ripped so as to expose the interior, or in any way so injured as to be, in the opinion of the umpire, unfit for fair use, he shall, upon appeal by either captain, at once put the alternate ball into play and call for a new ball.

RULE 15.—THE BAT.

Must be entirely of hard wood, except that the handle may be wound with twine or a granulated substance supplied, not to exceed eighteen inches from the end.

It must be round, and it must not exceed two and three-quarter inches in diameter in the thickest part, nor exceed forty-two inches in length,

RULE 16.—THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

The players of each club in a game shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as captain, and in no case shall less than nine men be allowed to play on each side.

RULE 17.

The players' positions shall be such as may be assigned them by their captain, except that the pitcher, while in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, must take the position as defined in Rules 8 and 29.

RULE 18.

Players in uniform shall not be permitted to occupy seats *on the stands*, or to stand among the spectators.

RULE 19.

SECTION 1. Every club shall adopt uniforms for its players, but no player shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoes other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate.

SEC. 2. The catcher and first baseman are permitted to wear a glove or mitt of any size, shape or weight. All other players are restricted to the use of a glove or mitt weighing not over ten ounces, and measuring in circumference, around the palm of the hand, not over fourteen inches.

RULE 20.—PLAYERS' BENCHES.

SECTION 1. The players' benches must be furnished by the home club and placed upon a portion of the ground outside of and not nearer than 25 feet to the players' lines. One such

bench must be for the exclusive use of the visiting club, and one for the exclusive use of the home club. All players of the side at the bat must be seated on their bench, except such as are legally assigned to coach base-runners, and also the batsman *except* when called to the bat by the umpire, and under no circumstances shall the umpire permit any person, except the club president, managers and players in uniform to occupy seats on the benches.

SEC. 2. To enforce this rule the captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the umpire to a violation, whereupon the umpire shall immediately order such player or players to be seated. If the order is not obeyed within one minute the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall be obliged to leave the playing field forthwith.

RULE 21.—THE GAME.

SECTION 1. Every championship game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset.

SEC. 2. A game shall consist of nine innings to each contesting nine, except that

(a.) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(b.) If the side last at bat in the ninth innings scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall terminate.

RULE 22.—A TIE GAME.

If the score be a tie at the end of the nine innings, play shall be continued until one side has scored more runs than the other in an equal number of innings, provided, that the side last at bat scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall terminate.

RULE 23.—A DRAWN GAME.

A drawn game shall be declared by the umpire when he terminates a game on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; except when the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, in which case the umpire shall declare the game drawn without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

RULE 24.—A CALLED GAME.

If the umpire calls "Game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed, the score

shall be that of the last equal innings played, except, that the side second at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the side first at bat, in which case the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

RULE 25.—A FORFEITED GAME.

A forfeited game shall be declared by the umpire in favor of the club not in fault, at the request of such club, in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If the nine of a club fail to appear upon the field, or being upon the field, fail to begin the game within five minutes after the umpire has called "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing, or in commencing the game, be unavoidable.

SEC. 2. If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, unless such game has been suspended or terminated by the umpire.

SEC. 3. If, after play has been suspended by the umpire, one side fails to resume playing within one minute after the umpire has called "Play."

SEC. 4. If a team resorts to dilatory movements to delay the game.

SEC. 5. If, in the opinion of the umpire, any one of the rules of the games is wilfully violated.

SEC. 6. If, after ordering the removal of a player, as authorized by Rules 20, 52 and 61, said order is not obeyed within one minute.

SEC. 7. *If, because of removal of players from the game by the umpire, there be less than nine players in either team.*

SEC. 8. *If, when two games are scheduled to be played on the same afternoon, the second game be not commenced within ten minutes of the time of completion of the first game. The umpire of the first game shall be the timekeeper.*

SEC. 9. In case the umpire declares the game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the president of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter. However, a failure on the part of the umpire to so notify the president shall not affect his decision declaring the game forfeited.

RULE 26.—NO GAME.

"No game" shall be declared by the umpire if he shall terminate play on account of rain or darkness before five innings on each side are completed. Except in a case when the game is called, and the club second at bat shall have more runs at the end of its fourth innings than the club first at bat has made in its five completed innings; in such case the umpire shall award

the game to the club having made the greatest number of runs, and it shall be a legal game and be so counted in the championship record.

RULE 27.—SUBSTITUTES.

SECTION 1. In every championship game each side shall be required to have present on the field, in uniform, a sufficient number of substitute players to carry out the provision which requires that not less than nine players shall occupy the field in any innings of a game.

SEC. 2. Any such player may be substituted at any time by either club, but a player thereby retired shall not thereafter participate in the game.

SEC. 3. The base-runner shall not have a substitute run for him except by the consent of the captains of the contesting teams.

RULE 28.—CHOICE OF INNINGS—CONDITION OF GROUND.

The choice of innings shall be given to the captain of the home club, who shall also be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after rain, but, after play has been called by the umpire, he alone shall be the judge as to the fitness of the ground for resuming play after the game has been suspended on account of rain.

RULE 29.—THE PITCHER'S POSITION.

The pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman with both feet square on the ground, and in front of the pitcher's plate; but in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, one foot must be in contact with the pitcher's plate, defined in Rule 8. He shall not raise either foot, unless in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, nor make more than one step in *such delivery*.

RULE 30.—A FAIRLY DELIVERED BALL.

A Fairly Delivered Ball to the bat is a ball pitched or thrown to the bat by the pitcher while standing in his position and facing the batsman, the ball so delivered to pass over any portion of the home base not lower than the batsman's knee nor higher than his shoulder.

RULE 31.—AN UNFAIRLY DELIVERED BALL.

An Unfairly Delivered Ball is a ball delivered by the pitcher, as in Rule 30, except that the ball does not pass over any portion of the home base, or does pass over the home base, above the batsman's shoulder or below the *line of his knee*.

RULE 32.—BALKING.

A Balk shall be :

SECTION 1. Any motion made by the pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it.

SEC. 2. Any delivery of the ball to the bat while his (pivot) foot is not in contact with the pitcher's plate, as defined in Rule 29.

SEC. 3. Any motion in delivering the ball to the bat by the pitcher while not in the position defined in Rule 29.

SEC. 4. The holding of the ball by the pitcher so long as, in the opinion of the umpire, to delay the game unnecessarily.

SEC. 5. Standing in position *and making any motion* to pitch without having the ball in his possession, except in the case of a "block-ball," as provided by Rule 35, section 2.

When the pitcher feigns to throw the ball to a base he must resume the above position and pause momentarily before delivering the ball to the bat.

If the pitcher fails to comply with the requirements of this rule the umpire must call "A balk."

SEC. 6. *The making of any motion the pitcher habitually makes in his method of delivery, without his immediately delivering the ball to the bat.*

SEC. 7. *If the pitcher feigns to throw the ball to a base and does not resume his legal position and pause momentarily before delivering the ball to the bat.*

RULE 33.—DEAD BALLS.

A Dead Ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the pitcher that touches any part of the batsman's person or clothing while standing in his position without being struck at, or that touches any part of the umpire's person or clothing while he is standing on foul ground without first passing the catcher.

RULE 34.

In case of a foul strike, foul hit ball not legally caught out, dead ball, or base-runner put out for being struck by a fair-hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the pitcher standing in his position and the umpire shall have called play.

RULE 35.—BLOCK BALLS.

SECTION 1. A Block is a batted or thrown ball that is touched, stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game.

SEC. 2. Whenever a block occurs the umpire shall declare it and the base-runners may run the bases without being put out until the ball has been returned to and held by the pitcher standing in his position.

SEC. 3. In the case of a block, if the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of the ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the fielders, the umpire should call "Time" and require each base-runner to stop at the last base touched by him until the ball be returned to the pitcher standing in his position and the umpire shall have called "Play."

RULE 36.—THE BATSMAN'S POSITION—ORDER OF BATTING.

The batsmen must take their position within the batsman's lines, as defined in Rule 10, in the order in which they are named in the batting order, which batting order must be submitted by the captains of the opposing teams to the umpire before the game, and this batting order must be followed except in the case of a substitute player, in which case the substitute must take the place of the original player in the batting order. After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who has completed his turn—time at bat—in the preceding inning.

RULE 37.

SECTION I. When their side goes to the bat the players must immediately return to the players' bench, as defined in Rule 20, and remain there until the side is put out, except when called to the bat or they become *coachers* or substitute base-runners; provided, that the captain or one player only, except that if two or more base-runners are occupying the bases then the captain and one player, or two players, may occupy the space between the player's lines and the captain's lines to coach base-runners.

SEC. 2. No player of the side "at bat," except when batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the catcher's lines, as defined in Rule 3. The triangular space behind the home base is reserved for the exclusive use of umpire, catcher and batsman, and the umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of, or passing between, the pitcher and catcher, while standing in their positions.

SEC. 3. The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the field allotted them, but must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any fielder attempting to catch or field it.

RULE 38.—THE BATTING RULES.

SECTION I. A Fair Hit is a ball batted by the batsman—while he is standing within the lines of his position—that first

touches "fair" ground, or the person of a player, or the umpire, while standing on fair ground, and then settles on fair ground before passing the line of first or third base.

SEC. 2. A Foul Hit is a similarly batted ball that first touches "foul" ground, or the person of a player, or the umpire, while standing on "foul" ground.

SEC. 3. Should such "fair hit" ball bound or roll to foul ground, before passing the line of first or third base, and settle on foul ground, it shall be declared by the umpire a foul ball.

SEC. 4. Should such "foul hit" ball bound or roll to fair ground and settle there before passing the line of first or third base, it shall be declared by the umpire a fair ball.

RULE 39.

A foul tip is a ball batted by the batsman while standing within the lines of his position that goes foul sharp from the bat to the catcher's hands.

RULE 40.

A bunt hit is a ball delivered by the pitcher to the batsman who, while standing within the lines of his position, makes a deliberate attempt to hit the ball so slowly within the infield that it cannot be fielded in time to retire the batsman. If such a "bunt hit" goes to foul ground a strike shall be called by the umpire.

RULE 41.—BALLS BATTED OUTSIDE THE GROUNDS.

When a batted ball passes outside the grounds, the umpire shall decide it Fair should it disappear within, or Foul should it disappear outside of the range of the foul lines, and Rule 38 is to be construed accordingly.

RULE 42.

A fair batted ball that goes over the fence shall entitle the batsman to a home run, except, that should it go over the fence at a less distance than two hundred and thirty-five (235) feet from the home base, when he shall be entitled to two bases only, and a distinctive line shall be marked on the fence at this point.

RULE 43.—STRIKES.

A Strike is:

SECTION 1. A ball struck at by the batsman without its touching his bat; or,

SEC. 2. A fair ball legally delivered by the pitcher, but not struck at by the batsman.

SEC. 3. Any intentional effort to hit the ball to foul ground, also in the case of a "bunt hit," which sends the ball to foul

ground, either directly, or by bounding or rolling from fair ground to foul ground, and which settles on foul ground.

SEC. 4. A ball struck at, if the ball touches any part of the batsman's person.

SEC. 5. A ball tipped by the batsman, and caught by the catcher, within ten feet from home base.

RULE 44.

A Foul Strike is a ball batted by the batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the batsman's position.

RULE 45.—THE BATSMAN IS OUT.

The Batsman is Out:

SECTION 1. If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered and the proper batsman takes his position before a time "at bat" is recorded; and, in such case, the balls and strikes called must be counted in the time "at bat" of the proper batsman, and only the proper batsman shall be declared out, *and no runs shall be scored or bases run because of any act of the improper batsman*, provided, this rule shall not take effect unless the out is declared before the ball is delivered to the succeeding batsman. *Should batsman declared out by this rule be sufficient to retire the side, the proper batsman the next innings is the player who would have come to bat had the players been out by ordinary play.*

SEC. 2. If he fails to take his position within one minute after the umpire has called for the batsman.

SEC. 3. If he makes a foul hit other than a foul tip, as defined in Rule 39, and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap, or touched by some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he makes a foul strike.

SEC. 5. If he attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of his position, or otherwise obstructing or interfering with the player.

SEC. 6. If, while the first base be occupied by a base-runner, three strikes be called on him by the umpire, except when two men are already out.

SEC. 7. If, after two strikes have been called, the batsman obviously attempts to make a foul hit, as in Rule 43, section 3.

SEC. 8. If, while attempting a third strike, the ball touches any part of the batsman's person, in which case base-runners occupying bases shall return as prescribed in Rule 49, section 5.

SEC. 9. If he hits a fly ball that can be handled by an

infielder while first and second bases are occupied, or first, second and third with only one out. In such case the umpire shall, as soon as the ball is hit, declare infield or outfield hit.

SEC. 10. If the third strike is called in accordance with section 4, Rule 43.

SEC. 11. The moment a batsman is declared out by the umpire, he (the umpire) shall call for the batsman next in order to leave his seat on the bench and take his position at the bat, and such player of the batting side shall not leave his seat on the bench until so called to bat, except as provided by Rule 37, section 1, and Rule 52.

BASE-RUNNING RULES.

RULE 46.—WHEN THE BATSMAN BECOMES A BASE-RUNNER.

The Batsman becomes a Base-Runner:

SECTION 1. Instantly after he makes a fair hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after four balls have been called by the umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after three strikes have been declared by the umpire.

SEC. 4. If, while he be a batsman, without making any attempt to strike at the ball, his person or clothing be hit by a ball from the pitcher; unless, in the opinion of the umpire, he plainly avoids making any effort to get out of the way of the ball from the pitcher, and thereby permits himself to be so hit.

SEC. 5. Instantly after an illegal delivery of a ball by the pitcher.

An illegal delivery of the ball is made if the pitcher's pivot foot be not in contact with the rubber plate at the time of the delivery of the ball, or if he takes more than one step in delivery, or if, after feigning to throw to a base, he fails to pause momentarily before delivering the ball to the bat.

RULE 47.—BASES TO BE TOUCHED.

The base-runner must touch each base in regular order, viz., first, second, third and home bases, and when obliged to return (except on a foul hit) must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding base-runner. However, no base-runner shall score a run to count in the game until the base-runner preceding him in the batting list (provided there has been such a base-runner who has not been put out in that inning) shall have first touched home base without being put out.

RULE 48.—ENTITLED TO BASES.

The base-runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take the base in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If, while he was batsman, the umpire called four balls.

SEC. 2. If the umpire awards a succeeding batsman a base on four balls, or for being hit with a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery—as in Rule 46, section 5—and the base-runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 3. If the umpire calls a "Balk."

SEC. 4. If a ball, delivered by the pitcher, pass the catcher, and touch the umpire, or any fence or building within ninety feet of the home base.

SEC. 5. If, upon a fair hit, the ball strikes the person or clothing of the umpire on fair ground.

SEC. 6. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary, unless the latter be a fielder having the ball in his hand ready to meet the base-runner.

SEC. 7. If the fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat or any part of his uniform except his gloved hand.

RULE 49.—RETURNING TO BASES.

The base-runner shall return to his base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out:

SECTION 1. If the umpire declares a foul tip (as defined in Rule 39), or any other foul hit not legally caught by a fielder.

SEC. 2. If the umpire declares a foul strike.

SEC. 3. If the umpire declares a dead ball, unless it be also the fourth unfair ball and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 48, section 2.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the umpire interferes with the catcher, or he is struck by a ball thrown by the catcher to intercept a base-runner.

SEC. 5. The base-runner shall return to his base if, while attempting a strike, the ball touches any part of the batsman's person.

RULE 50.—WHEN BASE-RUNNERS ARE OUT.

The Base-Runner is Out:

SECTION 1. If, after three strikes have been declared against him while batsman and the catcher fail to catch the third strike ball, he plainly attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a fair hit while batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground, or any object other than a fielder; PROVIDED, it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap.

SEC. 3. If, when the umpire has declared three strikes on him while batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; PROVIDED, it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a fielder before he shall have touched first base.

SEC. 5. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a fielder while touching first base with any part of his person before such base-runner touches first base.

SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from home base to first base, while the ball is being fielded to first base, he runs outside the three-foot lines, as defined in Rule 7, unless to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball.

SEC. 7. If, in running from first to second base, from second to third base, or from third to home base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder; but in case a fielder be occupying the base-runner's proper path in attempting to field a batted ball, then the base-runner shall run out of the path, and behind said fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fails to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner described in sections 6 and 7 of this rule, or if he, in any way, obstructs a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball; PROVIDED, that if two or more fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the base-runner comes in contact with one or more of them, the umpire shall determine which fielder is entitled to the benefit of this rule, and shall not decide the base-runner out for coming in contact with any other fielder.

SEC. 9. If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy; PROVIDED, the ball be held by the fielder after touching him.

SEC. 10. *The base-runner in running to first base may over-run said base, without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base.* If, in over-running first base, he also attempts to run to second base, or after passing the base he turns to his left from the foul line, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

SEC. 11. If, when a fair or foul hit ball (other than a foul tip as referred to in Rule 39) is legally caught by a fielder, such ball is legally held by a fielder on the base occupied by

the base-runner when such ball was struck (or the base-runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder), before he retouches said base after such fair or foul hit ball was so caught; PROVIDED, that the base-runner shall not be out, in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder holds it on said base, or touches the base-runner with it; but if the base-runner in attempting to reach a base, detaches it before being touched or forced out, he shall be declared safe.

SEC. 12. If, when a batsman becomes a base-runner, the first base, or the first and second bases, or the first, second and third bases, be occupied, any base-runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until any following base-runner is put out, and may be put out at the next base, or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder in the same manner as in running to first base at any time before any following base-runner is put out.

SEC. 13. If a fair hit ball strike him before touching the fielder, and, in such case, no base shall be run unless forced by the batsman becoming a base-runner, and no run shall be scored or any other base-runner put out.

SEC. 14. If, when running to a base, or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base, or bases, if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 47, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch, or being touched by the ball in the hands of the fielder in the same manner as in running to first base; PROVIDED, that the base-runner shall not be out in such case if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder holds it on said base, or touches the base-runner with it.

SEC. 15. If, when the umpire calls "Play," after any suspension of a game, he fails to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base; PROVIDED, the base-runner shall not be out, in such case, if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder holds it on said base or touches the base-runner with it.

RULE 51.—WHEN BATSMAN OR BASE-RUNNER IS OUT.

The umpire shall declare the batsman or base-runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these rules, except as provided in Rule 50, sections 10 and 14.

RULE 52.—COACHING RULES.

The Coacher shall be restricted to coaching the base-runner only, and shall not be allowed to address any remarks except to the base-runner, and then only in words of necessary direction;

and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to, or reflect upon a player of the opposing club, the umpire or the spectators, and not more than one coacher, who may be a player participating in the game, or any other player under contract to it, in the uniform of either club, shall be allowed at any one time, except, that if base-runners are occupying two or more of the bases, then the captain and one player, or two players in the uniform of either club, may occupy the space between the players' lines and the captains' lines to coach base-runners. To enforce the above the captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the umpire to the offence, and, upon a repetition of the same, the offending player shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall leave the playing field forthwith.

RULE 53.—THE SCORING OF RUNS.

One run shall be scored every time a base-runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the home base before three men are put out. (Exception)—If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching first base, a run shall not be scored.

THE UMPIRE OR UMPIRES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES.

RULE 54.

When two umpires are assigned to duty each shall serve in his regularly appointed position and discharge the duties of the same as provided for by this code of rules.

RULE 55.

No umpire shall be changed during the progress of a championship game, except by reason of personal illness or injury incapacitating him for the discharge of his duties.

RULE 56.

When two umpires are assigned, one shall be known as the "Umpire" and the other as the "Assistant Umpire." The former's regular position in the game shall be behind that of the batsman, and the latter's position in the field near either first, second or third bases; and the umpires shall not exchange duties during the progress of a game, except by consent of the captains of the opposing teams.

RULE 57.

The umpire shall perform all the duties devolving upon a single umpire, except giving decisions on first, second

and third bases and deciding points of play in running such bases, which shall devolve upon the assistant umpire, except as regards third base when any other base is occupied by a base-runner, in which event the umpire shall decide all points of play arising at third base. It shall be the duty of the umpires to assist or advise each other in rendering any decision when requested by the other umpire.

RULE 58.

The umpire shall act as the government representative of the League, and as such shall have the power to enforce every section of the code of playing rules of the game, and he shall have the power to order any player, or captain, or club manager, to do or to omit to do, any action that he may deem necessary to give force or effect to the laws of the game.

RULE 59.

There shall be no appeal from any legal decision of either the umpire or the assistant umpire.

RULE 60.

Under no circumstances shall any player be allowed to dispute a decision by either umpire, in which only an error of judgment is involved; and no decision rendered by either umpire shall be reversed, except it be plainly shown by the code of rules to have been illegal; and in such case the captain alone shall be allowed to make the appeal for reversal.

RULE 61.

SECTION 1. In all cases of violation of these rules, either by a player or a manager, the penalty shall be a prompt removal of the offender from the grounds, followed by such period of suspension from actual service in the club as the umpire or the President of the League may elect; providing the term of suspension by the umpire shall not exceed three days, including date of removal.

SEC. 2. The umpire shall immediately after the suspension of a player forward to the President a report of the suspension and the causes therefor. In flagrant cases he shall make such report by telegraph.

RULE 62.

Before the commencement of a game the umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the captain of the home club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these rules.

RULE 63.

The umpire shall not only call "play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, but also announce "game called" at its legal conclusion.

RULE 64

The umpire shall suspend play for the following causes: First, if rain is falling so heavily as to oblige the spectators on the open field and open stands to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension; and should rain fall continuously for thirty minutes thereafter he shall terminate the game.

RULE 65.

The umpire shall suspend play in case of an accident to himself or to the assistant umpire, or to a player which incapacitates him or them from service in the field, or in order to remove from the grounds any player or spectator who has violated the rules.

RULE 66.

In suspending play from any legal cause, the umpire shall call "time;" when he calls "time" the play shall be suspended until he calls "play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored. "Time" shall not be called by the umpire until the ball is held by the pitcher standing in his position.

RULE 67.

The umpire shall call and count as a "ball" any unfair ball delivered by the pitcher to the batsman, but not before such ball has passed the line of the home base. He shall also call and count as a "strike" every fairly delivered ball which passes over any portion of the home base, and within the batsman's legal range, as defined in Rule 43. which is not struck at by the batsman, or a foul tip which is caught by the catcher, standing close up behind the batsman, or which after being struck at and not hit, strikes the person of the batsman; or when the ball is purposely hit foul by the batsman, or when the ball is bunted foul by the batsman.

RULE 68.

If but one umpire is assigned, his duties and powers shall be that of both the umpire and the assistant umpire, and he shall be permitted to occupy such positions on the field as will best enable him to discharge his duties.

RULE 69.—FIELD RULES.

No club shall allow open betting or pool-selling upon its ground, nor in any building owned or occupied by it.

RULE 70.

No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of a game in addition to the players in uniform, the manager of each side and the umpire, except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such officials of the home club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

RULE 71.

No manager, captain or player shall address the spectators during the progress of the game, except in case of necessary explanation.

RULE 72.

Every club shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game and interfering with the play in any manner, the visiting club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared. If the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the visiting club may claim, and shall be entitled to the game, by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings has been played).

RULE 73.—GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

"Play" is the order of the umpire to begin the game, or to resume play after its suspension.

RULE 74.

"Time" is the order of the umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

RULE 75.

"Game" is the announcement by the umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 76.

An "Inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out, as provided in these rules.

RULE 77.

A "Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a batsman. It begins when he takes his position and continues until he is put out or becomes a base-runner; except when, because of being hit by

a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery by the pitcher, or in case of a sacrifice hit purposely made to the infield which, not being a base-hit, advances a base-runner without resulting in a put-out, except to the batsman, as in Rule 45.

RULE 78.

“Legal” or “Legally” signifies as required by these rules.

SCORING.

RULE 79.

In order to promote uniformity in scoring championship games the following instructions, suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

BATTING.

SECTION 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game. *No time at bat shall be scored if the batsman be hit by a pitched ball while standing in his position, and after trying to avoid being so hit, or in case of the pitcher's illegal delivery of the ball to the bat which gives the batsman his base, or when he intentionally hits the ball to the field, purposely to be put out, or if he is given first base on called balls.*

SEC. 2. In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column should be placed the first-base hits made by each player. A base-hit should be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground within the foul lines and out of reach of the fielders.

When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches first base.

When a ball is hit *with such force* to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman. (In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base-hit and exempt the fielder from the charge of an error.)

When a ball is hit so slowly towards a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman.

That in all cases where a base-runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the batsman should be credited with a base-hit.

When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the umpire, as defined in Rule 48, section 5. *In no case shall a base-hit be scored when a base-runner has been forced out by the play.*

SEC. 4. In the fourth column shall be placed the sacrifice hits, which shall be credited to the batsman who, when no one is out or when but one man is out, advances a runner a base by a bunt hit, which results in putting out the batsman, or would so result if the ball were handled without error.

FIELDING.

SEC. 5. The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a batsman is given out by the umpire for a foul strike, or where the batsman fails to bat in proper order, the put-out shall be scored to the catcher. *In all cases of "out" for interference, running out of line, or infield fly dropped, the "out" should be credited to the player who would have made the play, but for the action of the base-runner or batsman.*

SEC. 6. The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting a run-out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles or assists in any manner in handling the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

Assists should be credited to every player who handles the ball in the play which results in a base-runner being called out for interference or for running out of line.

ERRORS.

SEC. 7. An error shall be given in the seventh column for each misplay which allows the striker or base-runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "wild pitches," "bases on balls" bases on the batsman being struck by a "pitched ball," or in case of illegal pitched balls, balks and passed balls, *all of which comprise battery errors*, shall not be included in said column. In scoring errors of batted balls see section 3 of this rule.

An error shall not be scored against the catcher for a wild throw to prevent a stolen base, unless the base-runner advances an extra base because of the error.

No error shall be scored against an infielder who attempts to

complete a double play, unless the throw is so wild that an additional base is gained.

STOLEN BASES.

A stolen base shall be credited to the base-runner whenever he reaches the base he attempts to steal unaided by a fielding or by a battery error or a hit by the batsman.

RULE 80.

The Summary shall contain :

- SECTION I. *The score made in each innings of the game.*
- SEC. 2. The number of bases stolen by each player.
- SEC. 3. The number of two-base hits made by each player.
- SEC. 4. The number of three-base hits made by each player.
- SEC. 5. The number of home runs made by each player.
- SEC. 6. The number of double and triple plays made by each side and the names of the players assisting in the same.
- SEC. 7. The number of innings each pitcher pitched in.
- SEC. 8. The number of base hits made off each pitcher.
- SEC. 9. The number of times the pitcher strikes out the opposing batsmen.
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- SEC. 13. The number of passed balls by each catcher.
- SEC. 14. The time of the game.
- SEC. 15. *The names and positions of each umpire.*

ADVICE TO UMPIRES.

You are the absolute master of the field from the beginning to the termination of a game. You are by these rules given full authority to order any player, captain or manager to do or omit to do any act which you may deem necessary to maintain your dignity and compel respect from players and spectators. (Rule 58.)

The rules are created to be enforced to the letter. If they are poor rules the fault is not yours. If they are disobeyed you are to blame.

Before "play" is called satisfy yourself that the field is correctly laid off with lines, bases and plates in proper places, and that the materials supplied for the game are as required by the rules. (Rule 62.)

Notify each captain that the rules will be enforced exactly as they are written, and that for each violation the prescribed penalty will follow. Do not in any case temporize with a rule breaker.

Make all decisions as you see them. Never attempt to "even up" after having made a mistake.

Be strict in what may seem to be trivial matters, thereby "nipping in the bud" trouble before it fully develops.

Specially observe Rules 20 and 37, which require players to occupy their respective benches; also section 6 of Rule 25, which specifies that a player ordered from the field shall go within one minute from the time you order his removal from the game.

Do not allow a player (not even a captain) to leave his position (which is the bench or coacher's box, for the captain whose side is at bat, or the regular fielding position of the captain whose side is not at bat) to argue with you. The captain only is allowed to appeal to you (and he only from his proper position) on a legal misinterpretation of the rules. If he claims that you have erred, it is proper that the spectators should know what the claim is. (Rule 60.)

Coachers have heretofore been a disturbing element to the umpire. Rule 52 provides just what his and what your duties are. These rules are mandatory, not discretionary. If you allow them to be violated you become the chief culprit and do not properly perform the duties of your position. Bear in mind that you are not responsible for the creation of the rules or the penalties prescribed by them.

The umpire who enforces the rules, maintains his dignity and compels respect, gives the fullest satisfaction to both teams and to the spectators.

Compel respect from all and your task will be an easy one.

A SIMPLE WAY FOR LAYING OFF A BALL FIELD.

Lay a tape-line from centre of backstop out into the field 217 feet $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches to second base. At 90 feet from backstop place home plate, with the tape-line dividing it diagonally. Between 150 feet 6 inches and 150 feet 10 inches from the backstop place the pitcher's plate, with the tape-line dividing it at the centre; 153 feet $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches from backstop drive a stake. At right angles to the tape-line, and 63 feet $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches from the stake and 90 feet from both home plate and second base, place first base on one side and third base on the other. This done remove the stake. Lay lines connecting the bases thus laid, forming the diamond, extending the lines from home base and first base and home base and third base in each direction to the fence, thus forming the foul lines and the catcher's position. Parallel with these lines and 50 feet away lay the player's lines, extending from intersection with lines already laid 75 feet. From this point lay lines at right angles to lines just described, extending to the base lines. At right angles to these and parallel with the base lines, 15 feet distant, lay the coacher's lines, extending, say, 30 feet towards the outfield. Parallel with and 3 feet distant from the base line from home base to first base lay a line beginning 45 feet from home plate and extending just past first base.

On each side of home plate, parallel with line from centre of backstop to second base and 6 inches distant from home plate, lay lines 6 feet long, running three feet each way from a line through the centre of home plate, also lay other lines parallel with and 4 feet distant from the ones just described. Form these into parallelograms 4 feet by 6 feet in dimension, thus forming the batsman's position.

Observe Rules 11, 12 and 13.

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ANNUAL MEETING NATIONAL LEAGUE



Annual Meeting of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, Held at the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, Pa., Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1897.

Meeting called to order by the President at 2 o'clock P. M.
No quorum being present, on motion adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock P. M.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present:

A. H. Soden and W. H. Conant, representing the Boston Base Ball Association.

C. Von der Ahe and B. S. Muckenfuss, representing the St. Louis Base Ball Association.

Andrew Freedman, representing the National Exhibition Company of New York City.

W. H. Watkins and W. W. Kerr, representing the Pittsburg Athletic Company.

F. DeH. Robison and M. S. Robison, representing the Cleveland Base Ball Company.

Harry C. Pulliam, representing the Louisville Base Ball Company.

H. R. Von der Horst and Edward Hanlon, representing the Baltimore Base Ball and Exhibition Company.

John I. Rogers and A. J. Reach, representing the Philadelphia Ball Club.

C. H. Byrne and F. A. Abell, representing the Brooklyn Base Ball Club.

J. T. Brush and N. A. Lloyd, representing the Cincinnati Base Ball Club.

J. Earl Wagner, representing the National Washington Base Ball Club.

James A. Hart, representing the Chicago League Ball Club.

On motion, Mr. A. H. Soden was unanimously requested to act as chairman of this meeting.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

The report of the Board of Directors was received and accepted.

The communication of W. W. Colville in relation to having championship games played in Pittsburg during the Knight Templars' Conclave, from October 10 to 14, was referred to the Schedule Committee.

On motion, "A committee of three be appointed to consider the whole telegraph question, and submit its report at some future time."

On motion, Messrs. James A. Hart, Andrew Freedman and F. DeH. Robison were appointed as such committee. The Secretary presented numerous communications in relation to telegraphic privileges, which were referred to the Telegraph Committee.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 12 o'clock on the following day.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1897.

Meeting called to order at 3 o'clock P. M.

The National Board of Arbitration submitted its report, with recommendations in relation to certain changes in the National Agreement, which the minor leagues in Class A desired to have made. Pending the consideration of said report and recommendations, on motion adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock Friday, November 12, unless sooner convened by the President of this League.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1897.

Meeting called to order at 12.30 P. M.

On motion, the report and recommendations of the National Board were temporarily postponed.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed, consisting of Col. John I. Rogers, C. H. Byrne and Andrew Freedman, to consider amendments to the League Constitution, with instructions to report at the spring meeting.

The following-named gentlemen were selected as Directors :

H. R. Von der Horst, A. J. Reach, J. E. Wagner, H. C. Pulliam, Chris Von der Ahe and W. H. Watkins.

The members of the National Board of Arbitration were unanimously re-elected as follows: N. E. Young, A. H. Soden, C. H. Byrne, Jno. T. Brush, F. De H. Robison and Jas. A. Hart.

Col. Rogers submitted the following resolution, which, as amended, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Schedule Committee be instructed as follows:

1st. To divide the circuit into four sections—

North and East—Boston, New York and Brooklyn,

South and East—Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

North and West—Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburg.

South and West—St. Louis, Louisville and Cincinnati.

2d. To not schedule more than 12 games by a visiting club in any one of said sections before returning to play games on its own grounds.

3d. To schedule 154 Championship games from April 15 to October 15, inclusive.

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitution be directed to report amendments providing that a postponed game must be played on the next date of the same series when another game is scheduled between the same clubs on the ground originally scheduled; but if such series shall have terminated, such postponed game may, by mutual consent, be played off on the grounds of the other club. That the committee so modify Section 55 in reference to double games for one admission to meet above changes.

The National Board submitted, with their recommendation, a petition from the Presidents of the Western, Eastern and Atlantic Leagues requesting that certain changes be made in the National Agreement, to wit: By adding to Article 10 of the National Agreement the following: "and provided further, the number of players to be drafted from a Minor League Club in Class A, in any one year, shall be limited to two, and that no player shall be subject to draft from a club in Class A until he

has been on the reserve list of a minor league in Class A for two consecutive seasons." After a full and free discussion, and the adoption of other suggested amendments, they were resubmitted to the National Board of Arbitration for their consideration and reference to the said minor leagues for their consideration and ratification.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the deficit on account of the Harry Wright monument, amounting to three hundred and fifty-four dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$354.37).

The following preamble and resolution offered by Mr. Hart was adopted :

Whereas, The object of this organization, as expressed in Paragraph 3, Section 2, of its Constitution, is "to establish and regulate the Base Ball Championship of the United States," and as all contests for other objects are perfunctory and without the authority of the Constitution, it is

Resolved, That this organization will in no way, shape or manner authorize, approve or lend its moral support to any game or games between the clubs of its membership, except those provided for in the regularly adopted schedule.

On motion, a committee of three, consisting of N. E. Young, C. H. Byrne and W. H. Watkins, were appointed to consider the future of the "Temple Cup," with instructions to communicate with Mr. Temple and ascertain his wishes as to its disposition.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to donate to Jno. Carteryvelles seventy-five dollars for loss sustained by reason of injury by Mr. Hurst.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock A. M. on the following day.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1897.

Meeting called to order at 10.30 A. M.

Mr. Wagner moved that the Secretary be instructed to employ a staff of umpires, so as to have two umpires for each game, and the Playing Rules Committee was instructed to so amend the Playing Rules to conform with the above.

The Secretary was instructed to prepare a schedule for the

umpire staff which shall control their movements for the entire season, and, under no circumstances, shall such schedule be departed from except in cases of illness, disability or suspension, in which case the party filling the vacancy shall carry out the schedule of said retiring umpire. No umpire shall be assigned in any one city for more than six consecutive games, and said schedule shall not be published.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Brush, was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to formulate and report at the Schedule Meeting a plan which will define foul, indecent and obscene language upon the ball field, prescribe a method of procedure, the penalty for which offence, upon conclusive proof, shall be expulsion from any further connection with any club operating under the protection of the National Agreement without the possibility of pardon or reinstatement. That the plan shall include the reference of any case that may arise under its provisions to a board consisting of three, who shall have no interest in any club member of this League.

Messrs. John T. Brush, A. H. Soden and Jas. A. Hart were selected to constitute the committee under the above resolution.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed on transportation, including sleeping-car accommodations, with instructions to report at the Schedule meeting. Committee—Messrs. Brush, Robison and Rogers.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the League be extended to the Philadelphia Ball Club and its officers, Col. Jno. I. Rogers and President A. J. Reach, for the magnificent hospitality extended to the delegates of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs during this annual meeting, and for the extreme consideration and courtesy extended to all.

Resolved, That the delegates to the annual meeting of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs hereby desire to express their appreciation of

the delightful entertainment provided for them by the Pen and Pencil Club of Philadelphia.

On motion, the date for holding the next annual meeting was referred to the Committee on Constitution.

On motion, the Committee on Telegraphing was authorized to make contract for the ensuing year, providing as good a contract can be made as the one now existing.

On motion, former League players of good habits shall have preference for appointment as League umpires.

An informal vote for issuing souvenir passes for 1898 was lost by a vote of ten to two.

On motion, the Schedule Meeting will be held in St. Louis, Mo., on Monday, February 28, 1898, at 8 o'clock P. M.

No further business appearing, on motion, adjourned.

(Signed)

A. H. SODEN, *Chairman*.

N. E. YOUNG, *Secretary*.

RECONVENED ANNUAL MEETING

Reconvened Annual Meeting of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, Held at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., Commencing Monday, Feb. 28, 1898.

Meeting called to order at 8 P. M.

Present :

A. H. Soden and W. H. Conant, representing the Boston Base Ball Association.

C. Von der Ahe and B. S. Muckenfuss, representing the St. Louis Base Ball Association.

A. H. Soden, representing the National Exhibition Company of New York.

W. H. Watkins, representing the Pittsburg Athletic Company.

Edward Hanlon, representing the Baltimore Base Ball and Exhibition Company.

H. C. Pulliam, representing the Louisville Base Ball Company.

A. J. Reach and John I. Rogers, representing the Philadelphia Ball Club.

James A. Hart, representing the Chicago League Ball Club.

F. A. Abell and Charles H. Ebbets, representing the Brooklyn Base Ball Club.

John T. Brush, representing the Cincinnati Base Ball Club.

J. Earl Wagner, representing the National Washington Base Ball Club.

F. DeH. Robison and M. S. Robison, representing the Cleveland Ball Club.

On motion, Mr. A. H. Soden was unanimously invited to officiate as chairman of this meeting.

On motion, the minutes of the annual meeting were read and approved.

President Young officially announced the death of C. H. Byrne, late President of the Brooklyn Club. On motion, a

committee consisting of John T. Brush, James A. Hart and Col. John I. Rogers was appointed to draft suitable resolutions in relation to the same.

The Temple Cup Committee submitted its report, which was adopted.

The Committee appointed to consider amendments to the League Constitution submitted its report, which was adopted, as follows (see Constitution).

At the suggestion of Mr. Brush, it was unanimously agreed that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock on the following day for a session of two hours, and that we then take a recess until 2 o'clock P. M., at which time the committee appointed at the annual meeting to formulate a plan for the suppression of, and punishment for, foul, indecent and obscene language and conduct upon the ball field submit its report. On motion, Mr. Jas. A. Hart was appointed a committee of one to invite all representative newspaper men to be present when Chairman Brush submits his report.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 10 A. M. on the following day.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1898.

Meeting called to order at 11 o'clock A. M.

President Hart, Chairman of the Telegraph Committee, submitted his report. On motion, the report was received, the committee discharged, and the matter of telegraphing be left in the hands of each individual club.

The Committee on Transportation submitted its report. On motion, the report was received and the committee continued until the annual meeting in December.

On motion, a recess was taken until 2 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1898—2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Soden, Chairman, who announced that the League had agreed upon this hour to hear the report of the committee appointed at the November meeting to report upon the suppression of vulgarity upon the ball field. He stated that inasmuch as the subject was one of very

great public interest and had largely engaged the attention of the press, it had been decided by the League to admit the representatives of the press upon this occasion so that there might be no misunderstanding regarding the necessity for action by the League upon this subject. After a few well-chosen remarks of welcome to the large number of newspaper representatives present, Mr. Soden called upon the chairman of the committee for the committee's report.

Mr. Brush, upon taking the floor, said: "Before entering upon the business for which this meeting is called, the committee that was appointed at a former meeting of this body to take appropriate action regarding the death of Mr. Byrne, desires to submit the following '*In Memoriam*.'"

In Memoriam.

MR. PRESIDENT: We meet in annual session to transact the business of the League. The same causes that have convened us in the past have brought us again together. We are animated by the same motives that have influenced us in former years, and the promotion of the best interests of the National League occupies our attention.

While we are thus engaged we are conscious of the absence of a vital force that has been potent in former conventions. Cognizant of the loss we have sustained in our counsels that comes from wisdom, judgment, loyalty, and courage of conviction, it is fitting and proper that we should pause in our deliberations and pay such tribute as we may to the memory of one who has been foremost in legislating for the elevation and promotion of the sport most loved by Americans and who has been active in its establishment upon a solid and permanent basis.

Charles H. Byrne was born September 15, 1843, and died January 4, 1898, after an illness of more than one year.

He became interested in base ball in the spring of 1883, having organized the Brooklyn Base Ball Association, and from that time until the last meeting of the National League during the second week in November, 1897, at Philadelphia,

he has been an important personage in all that relates to the modern history of the game.

What is herein set forth relates solely to Mr. Byrne's connection with the National game, which may be likened unto a ship upon a troubled sea, tossed by adverse wind and tide upon many a rock and reef, oft threatened with wreck and destruction, yet has weathered the storms of fate and rides majestic upon the calm and unruffled waters of popularity and public confidence.

We will cross the threshold of Mr. Byrne's life where he, in the interest of the National sport, began his work of devotion; speak of him as he appeared during the years in which his name became honored among lovers of the game; and, in grief and sorrow, within the domain of hallowed Calvary, part with him where the rays of a winter's sun fall aslant the tomb that received him.

Mr. Byrne possessed a thorough knowledge of every detail of base ball. He was equally at home whether discussing the Playing Rules, the Constitution, the National Agreement, or some measure of reform calculated to advance the general good of all engaged in the game, whether in the interest of major or minor organization. He has been foremost in the promotion of every progressive measure. He has been a leader in every debate. He has taken sides upon every question that involved the rights of players, the interest of the public and the recognition of the press. No detail that was pertinent has ever been deemed too small to receive his consideration. The small as well as the great was indexed in his character.

His ability and sagacity have made him a conspicuous figure upon the National Board of Arbitration, and his discernment and executive capacity have given him prominence upon all important committees. He has been earnest, steadfast and modest; arduous and enduring; calm amid alarms, yet alert; watchful of vested rights, but unselfish; firm in opinion though not intolerant; rigid in his faith and graciously yielding if confronted with conclusive logic. The elevation of the game and the approbation of the public were the primary motives

with Mr. Byrne; his individual interest was secondary. Mr. Byrne was an ideal exponent of the game. Diplomatic, courteous, friendly, with a brain that could reason, a tongue that could persuade, and a logic that could convert, he was enabled through penetration and judgment to blaze a pathway through many a jungle of difficulty.

Some stand upon a pedestal so narrow that there is room upon it for but one. Mr. Byrne stood upon one so broad that there was always room for those who shared his views or who became converts to them.

The full measure of Mr. Byrne's worth as a man was appreciated most perhaps in his friendships. "Pure friendship is something which men of an inferior intellect can never taste and the vulgar herd estimate it by its advantages." Loyal, considerate, obliging, mourned and missed by friends who loved him for what he was and for what he did, it will be said of him, "When he departed he took a man's life with him."

Nothing can cloud his fame; tablet of stone or bronze can add no leaf to his laurels. His monument is the game itself and the record of his effort and devotion in its archives the inscription, and to this we leave him.

JAMES A. HART,
JOHN I. ROGERS,
JOHN T. BRUSH,

Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. A. J. Reach the report of the Memoriam Committee was ordered spread upon the records, and the President of the League was directed to incorporate the same in a memorial page in the Annual League Book, together with the tributes received by the committee from the representatives of the press.

Mr. Brush, chairman of the committee to formulate a plan for the suppression of, and punishment for, foul, indecent and obscene language and conduct upon the ball field, submitted the committee's report. In presenting the report Mr. Brush read numerous letters from umpires giving their personal experiences, also a detailed account of the vile language that

they had been forced to listen to on the ball field, most of which had been directed to them personally. He also presented a clear and concise statement from the earliest history of professional base ball up to the present time of the efforts made and the laws enacted at various times for the suppression of this growing evil which threatens the life of our great National game, and the necessity for prompt and heroic action at this time to suppress it.

A measure entitled :

"A measure for the suppression of obscene, indecent and vulgar language upon the ball field by players engaged in playing a game of ball during the championship season, while under contract to a club, member of the National League and American Association of Professional Ball Clubs, to the end that the game may retain its high position as respectable and worthy of the confidence and support of the refined and cultured classes of American citizenship."

In pursuance of this measure of reform and to define and carry into effect its intent and purposes, be it resolved as follows :

First—It shall be the duty of each club president or chief officer to furnish to the manager or captain of his team a printed or typewritten copy of this enactment, together with a copy of the offences and evils which are sought to be remedied by this measure, all of which shall be read and fully explained to all of the players and employees of the club at the beginning of the contract season and to all others who may thereafter join the club during the playing season, and a copy thereof shall also be delivered to such players and employees, and the captain and manager of each club shall obtain for and deliver to the president of said club, who shall within five days thereafter forward the same to the President of the League, the signatures of all the players and employees of said club, acknowledging that this legislation with all of its provisions has been brought to each and every player's and employee's attention.

Second—To perpetuate base ball as the national game of the United States, preserve its respectability, surround it with such additional safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its methods and purposes, to reform and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players, it shall be competent for any person or persons, whether player, manager, umpire, club official of any club, member of this League, or spectator, to submit information and testimony in writing under oath concerning obscene, indecent or vulgar language (other than profanity, that being otherwise and especially provided for in the playing rules) during the progress of a game upon the ball field by a player or employee of a National League club of which they have personal knowledge. The information and corroborative evidence under oath may be submitted to the President of the League, who shall have the right to suspend the

offender pending investigation by the tribunal hereinafter created, or not, as he may elect, being governed in judgment by the circumstances and gravity of the offence and character of the evidence.

Third—All charges of offence under this measure with the supporting evidence shall be submitted to the President of the League under oath within forty-eight hours of its alleged commission, and the President shall immediately furnish a copy of the same to the accused for his defence, with written notice of the suspension, if any.

Fourth—Any one under contract to a National League club who may be charged with using offensive language within the intent and meaning of this measure, shall be furnished with a copy of the charges, which, to receive consideration, must be substantiated by corroborative evidence, and after the receipt thereof by the accused five days, shall be allowed the one charged with the offence for transmitting by some express company to the President of the League, under oath, of the defence, and the case when thus prepared shall be submitted by the President to a tribunal of three judges selected by this League, to be called the "Board of Discipline," who shall have absolute authority to acquit or convict upon the evidence submitted, according to the rules adopted for its government, and from which there shall be no appeal, except to the Board of Directors of the League, as hereinafter provided.

Fifth—When a case is thus submitted to said board the President of the tribunal shall carefully consider it from the evidence submitted, taking into account the nature and gravity of the offence, its importance as affecting the welfare of the national game, the provocation for its commission, and such other circumstances as may be submitted that are entitled to be considered. He shall report in writing his opinion and finding in the premises, and if the offence be proven he shall affix the penalty that in his judgment should be imposed, and forward the same, together with his opinion and conclusions and all the papers, to his associate nearest in territory, who shall attach thereto his opinion and conclusions and judgment, and forward the same to the remaining member of the tribunal, who shall forward his opinion, conclusions and finding, and all the papers in the case to the president of the tribunal. He in turn shall return the papers and opinions, conclusions and findings to the President of the League, who shall carry into effect the judgment of said board or a majority thereof, by suspending the player from his club for the period determined by the tribunal or a majority, or acquit him, as the case may be.

Sixth—When the members of the tribunal or a majority thereof do not agree upon a judgment, the President of the League shall select some one of the opinions as the one to be followed (providing it be not the extreme penalty), and that shall be considered the judgment and be enforced according to the provisions of section 5.

Seventh—The penalty for using obscene, indecent, and vulgar language, within the meaning and intent of this measure, is entirely within the discretion of the tribunal, and may be suspension for days, for months, for the unexpired season, for a year, or for life, according to the conditions, circum-

stances and nature of the offence, it being the sentiment of the League that creates this law that an unwarranted, unprovoked, and brutal use of vulgarity to a spectator, or within the presence of spectators and within the hearing of ladies, should debar the offender forever from service with his club, or any other club, member of this League or subject to its jurisdiction.

Eighth—The extreme penalty proposed in this measure, namely, "life expulsion," shall require the unanimous approval of the three members of the tribunal, and provided also, before imposing such a penalty, the accused shall be notified, that he can defend in person and by counsel, if he elects, in which event the President of the tribunal shall call a meeting of said board at some city to be selected by him most convenient to the members and the accused, the traveling expenses and hotel bills of the board to be paid by the League.

Ninth—When two members concur in the penalty to be imposed, that shall be considered as the judgment of the tribunal, except as provided in rules 6 and 8.

Tenth—That justice may be done and no wrong committed, it shall be competent for either parties to a case submitted to the tribunal to show under oath the character and standing of those who make the charges and give evidence, and before the "life expulsion" can be imposed the accused may, if he elect, have the opportunity of cross-examining the witnesses against him by depositions.

Eleventh—There shall be no appeal from a decision by the tribunal or a majority for a hearing or reopening of a case, except by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, based upon new evidence.

Twelfth—The tribunal shall be selected by the National League with due regard for fitness, integrity, knowledge of and interest in the national game of base ball. One of its members shall be designated President of the tribunal, and no one shall be a member who is financially interested in a club member of this League. Whenever a case is submitted under the provisions of this enactment, each member of the tribunal shall carefully examine all evidence submitted, and render his finding according to the same; and no hearing shall be secret, unless so requested by both parties to the controversy.

Thirteenth—The first tribunal under this provision shall be composed of L. C. Krauthoff, who shall be elected to serve three years or until his successor is elected; Louis Kramer, who shall serve two years or until his successor is elected, and Frederick K. Stearns, who shall serve one year or until his successor is elected; and beginning with 1899 and each year thereafter there shall be one member elected to serve three years.

Fourteenth—If a player under suspension pending investigation should be acquitted by the tribunal, his salary shall be paid by the President of the League for the time he was under suspension.

Fifteenth—To compensate in part for the loss to a club of a player who has been suspended under these provisions for a period longer than one year, the club may select one member of the League to represent it, and the Presi-

dent of the League shall select some member of the League to represent the League, and the two, if unable to agree, shall select the third member of the League, and they or a majority of them shall place a fair estimate of value upon the release of the player so disciplined, and the League shall pay to the club one-half of such award, and in case said persons or a majority do not arrive at an award, said Board of Discipline or a majority thereof shall make the award.

Sixteenth—All elections to fill vacancies in the tribunal shall be by ballot upon nominations, and it shall require a majority vote to elect.

Seventeenth—All vacancies in the tribunal caused by death or resignation shall be temporarily filled by the President of the League, until the next meeting at which an annual election occurs, when it shall be filled by ballot for the unexpired term.

Eighteenth—The compensation to be allowed to the members of the tribunal shall be fixed by the President of the League according to the circumstances of each case, and be paid by the League, together with traveling expenses and hotel bills, if they meet together as provided in section 8.

Nineteenth—For all communications with this tribunal the express companies shall be used in lieu of the United States mail.

Twentieth—The annual meeting for the election of members to fill vacancies upon the tribunal shall be the annual schedule meeting of the League.

Twenty-first—This enactment for the government of players may be altered or amended at any annual or schedule meeting of the League by a majority vote.

Twenty-second—The President of the League is authorized to publish this measure in the official records of the League book, and to provide a sufficient number of copies of the same to supply all requirements of a thorough distribution among players and employees of the clubs, members of the National League.

Twenty-third—The members of said board shall meet at some convenient point within thirty days from its creation and establish rules and regulations for its government not inconsistent with this "measure," and shall have the right to employ a stenographer at the expense of the League in the cases mentioned in section 8 at any joint meeting of the members of said board.

After a full discussion of the report it was, upon motion, unanimously adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock P. M.

Meeting called to order by the chairman at 8 o'clock P. M.

On motion, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. J. T. Brush for the very able manner in which he presented the committee's report in what is known as the Brush Resolution, also to the committee, of which Mr. Brush was chairman,

for the very able resolutions presented in relation to the death of Mr. Byrne.

On motion, it was unanimously agreed that hereafter we accept no banquets at any League meeting.

On motion, that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in New York City on the second Tuesday in December. The date for holding the annual meeting of the Board of Arbitration was also changed to same date.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock A. M. on the following day.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1898.

Meeting called to order at 12 o'clock noon, and proceeded to consider amendments to the Playing Rules, which as amended were adopted as follows (see Playing Rules).

The Schedule Committee submitted its report, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion, a recess was taken until 8 P. M.

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock P. M.

On motion, the committee known as the "Brush Committee" be continued.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Charles H. Byrne, this body hereby declines to fill the existing vacancy in the National Board of Arbitration, and that no steps be taken to fill the vacancy until the time of said vacancy shall be terminated by limitation.

The Secretary presented communications from the Sporting Life Publishing Co., and the Sporting News of St. Louis, in relation to advertising official matter for 1898.

On motion, it was decided that the League would not employ an official organ for the present year.

On motion, the following agreement, introduced by John T. Brush and signed by the Presidents of League Clubs, becomes a part of our records :

In the interest of reform upon the ball field, and to prevent rowdiness, ungentlemanly conduct and unnecessary contention

by ball players, I agree to instruct my manager, and agree that he shall instruct his players, that no decision of an umpire or assistant umpire, whether right or wrong, just or unjust, shall be questioned or disputed by a player on my team during the schedule season of 1898. That I will insist upon the strict and unequivocal enforcement of the Playing Rules, which provide as follows :

COACHING RULES.

The *Coach* shall be restricted to coaching the base-runner only, and shall not be allowed to address any remarks except to the base-runner, and then only in words of necessary direction ; and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposing club, the umpire or the spectators, and not more than *one* coacher, who may be a player participating in the game, *or* any other player under contract to it, in the uniform of either club, shall be allowed at any one time, except, that if base-runners are occupying two or more of the bases, then the captain and one player, or two players in the uniform of either club, may occupy the space between the players' lines and the captains' lines to coach base-runners. To enforce the above the captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the umpire to the offense, and, upon a repetition of the same, the offending player shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall leave the playing field forthwith.

THE SOLE JUDGE OF PLAY.

SECTION 1. The umpire is the sole and absolute judge of play. In no instance shall any person, except the captains of the competing teams, be allowed to address him or question his decisions, and they (*the captains*) can only question him *as to the legal interpretation of the rules ; and they shall not be permitted to leave their proper positions in so doing unless permitted by the umpire.* The proper positions are : The Coach's box for the captain for the side which is at bat, and his regular fielding position for the captain in the field. No manager or any other official of either club shall be permitted to go on the field or address the umpire, under a penalty of a forfeiture of a game.

I agree to discipline any player, captain or manager on my team who violates this agreement.

I also agree to discipline any player, captain or manager who may deserve it for a violation of this agreement upon the ball fields of my associates if advised of the necessity for doing so by the President of the club upon whose grounds the offense was committed.

I further agree to use every legitimate effort to afford visiting

clubs full protection from the abuse of spectators upon my grounds.

J. T. BRUSH,

Prest. Cincinnati Ball Club.

JAMES A. HART,

Prest. Chicago League Ball Club.

J. EARL WAGNER,

National Ball Club, Washington, D. C.

A. H. SODEN,

Prest. Boston Base Ball Association.

FRANK DEH. ROBISON,

Prest. Cleveland Base Ball Co.

HARRY C. PULLIAM,

Prest. Louisville Base Ball Club.

EDWARD HANLON,

Prest. Baltimore Base Ball and Exhibition Co.

CHARLES H. EBBETS,

Prest. Brooklyn Ball Club.

W. H. WATKINS,

Prest. Pittsburg Athletic Co.

A. J. REACH,

Prest. Philadelphia Ball Club, Lim.

B. S. MUCKENFUSS,

Prest. St. Louis Base Ball Club.

ANDREW FREEDMAN,

Prest. New York Base Ball Club.

(Adopted.)

ADDRESS TO PLAYERS.

MR. 1898.

DEAR SIR:

At a meeting of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, held in St. Louis, February 28, 1898, a measure was adopted for the suppression of the use of obscene and vulgar language by ball players upon the ball field. The enormity of this evil and the extent to which it has grown, as shown by the vast amount of evidence that was submitted by those having a knowledge of the facts, has made it imperative on the part of the League to adopt drastic measures for its suppression.

This committee is instructed by the League to serve all players under contract to a club member of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs with a copy of the law above referred to, which will be in force this season. You are requested to carefully read the same and become acquainted with all of its provisions and its intents and purposes. We say to you frankly and emphatically that vulgarity and

obscenity upon the ball field must be stopped, regardless of results to the player who gives offence.

This address, the law, and the private instructions will be furnished and read to you, and you are each required to sign an acknowledgement, to be filed with the President of the League, that this measure is fully understood. The Board of Discipline is composed of men who have had large experience in matters pertaining to base ball. They are men of national reputation and all selected to serve upon this tribunal because of fitness, high character and interest in the future of the game. No member of the tribunal has a financial interest in the National League nor in any of its clubs; therefore they may be expected to act impartially and for what may be deemed to be for the best interest of base ball.

If any player suffers because of this law of reform and its penalties, it will be his own fault. There is nothing in the game that calls for the use of vile language, and the League is positively determined that ungentlemanly language in a gentleman's game shall no longer be permitted. In the future let it be understood that no player need ever again submit tamely and without redress to the filthy and insulting language of an opposing player. In the future let it be understood that the umpire is not without redress and is not to be driven into resigning because of the vile insults which will not permit him to serve longer without entire loss of self respect.

Let it be distinctly understood that in the future we propose to protect the patrons from the villainously filthy language that is used by a very limited number of players. Let it be fully understood by club official, umpire and player that this measure results from a cry of alarm from the press and the public, and in response to the universal demand for reformation the League pledges itself to the press and public to suppress the evils hereby sought to be remedied at any or whatever cost.

JOHN T. BRUSH,
JAMES A. HART, } Committee.
A. H. SODEN,

On motion, adjourned.

N. E. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

A. H. SODEN, *Chairman.*

OFFICERS AND PLAYERS

The following is an official list of the officers of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and officers and players of clubs, members thereof, for the season of 1898, so far as completed to March, 1898.

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In Memoriam.

CHARLES H. BYRNE.

MR. PRESIDENT: We meet in annual session to transact the business of the League. The same causes that have convened us in the past have brought us again together. We are animated by the same motives that have influenced us in former years and the promotion of the best interests of the National League occupies our attention.

While we are thus engaged we are conscious of the absence of a vital force that has been potent in former conventions. Cognizant of the loss we have sustained in our counsels that comes from wisdom, judgment, loyalty, and courage of conviction, it is fitting and proper that we should pause in our deliberations and pay such tribute as we may to the memory of one who has been foremost in legislating for the elevation and promotion of the sport most loved by Americans and who has been active in its establishment upon a solid and permanent basis.

Charles H. Byrne was born Sept. 15, 1843, and died Jan. 4, 1898, after an illness of more than one year.

He became interested in base ball in the spring of 1883, having organized the Brooklyn Base Ball Association, and from that time until the last meeting of the National League during the second week in November, 1897, at Philadelphia, he has been an important personage in all that relates to the modern history of the game.

What is herein set forth relates solely to Mr. Byrne's connection with the National game, which may be likened unto a ship upon a troubled sea, tossed by adverse wind and tide upon many a rock and reef, oft threatened with wreck and destruction, yet has weathered the storms of fate and rides majestic upon the calm and unruffled waters of popularity and public confidence.

We will cross the threshold of Mr. Byrne's life where he, in the interest of the National sport, began his work of devotion; speak of him as he appeared during the years in which his name became honored among lovers of the game; and, in grief and sorrow, within the domain of hallowed Calvary, part with him where the rays of a winter's sun fall aslant the tomb that received him.

Mr. Byrne possessed a thorough knowledge of every detail of base ball. He was equally at home whether discussing the Playing Rules, the Constitution, the National Agreement, or some measure of reform calculated to advance the general good of all engaged in the

game, whether in the interest of major or minor organization. He has been foremost in the promotion of every progressive measure. He has been a leader in every debate. He has taken sides upon every question that involved the rights of players, the interest of the public and the recognition of the press. No detail that was pertinent has ever been deemed too small to receive his consideration. The small as well as the great was indexed in his character.

His ability and sagacity have made him a conspicuous figure upon the National Board of Arbitration, and his discernment and executive capacity have given him prominence upon all important committees. He has been earnest, steadfast and modest; arduous and enduring; calm amid alarms, yet alert; watchful of vested rights, but unselfish; firm in opinion though not intolerant; rigid in his faith and graciously yielding if confronted with conclusive logic. The elevation of the game and the approbation of the public were the primary motives with Mr. Byrne; his individual interest was secondary. Mr. Byrne was an ideal exponent of the game. Diplomatic, courteous, friendly, with a brain that could reason, a tongue that could persuade, and a logic that could convert, he was enabled through penetration and judgment to blaze a pathway through many a jungle of difficulty.

Some stand upon a pedestal so narrow that there is room upon it for but one. Mr. Byrne stood upon one so broad that there was always room for those who shared his views or who became converts to them.

The full measure of Mr. Byrne's worth as a man was appreciated most perhaps in his friendships. "Pure friendship is something which men of an inferior intellect can never taste and the vulgar herd estimate it by its advantages." Loyal, considerate, obliging, mourned and missed by friends who loved him for what he was and for what he did, it will be said of him, "When he departed he took a man's life with him."

Nothing can cloud his fame; tablet of stone or bronze can add no leaf to his laurels. His monument is the game itself and the record of his effort and devotion in its archives the inscription, and to this we leave him.

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"Integrity, honesty, sagacity and sincerity were the chief attributes of Charles H. Byrne, who was a man in every sense of the word, and a true friend. His loss is irreparable, and it will be many years before the National League will find his equal. In his dealings with the newspaper fraternity he earned the respect and admiration of all, because he always said what he thought, and was at all times above board. His death is mourned by every base ball writer in Greater New York."—JOSEPH VILA, New York Sun.

"Knowing Charles H. Byrne from the time of his entree into base ball, I can truly say that not only the National game but the newspaper fraternity as well lost a valued friend when the Great Umpire called him out."—REN MULFORD, JR., Cincinnati Post.

"So long as base ball lives the name of Charles H. Byrne, who helped to place the game on the high standard which it now occupies, will never die."—J. ED. GRILLO, Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

"The spirit of Charles H. Byrne, his wisdom, tact and attributes as a man can never be dissevered from the scroll of memory that keeps ever green the names of Hulbert and Harry Wright."—JOE CAMPBELL, Sporting Editor Washington Post.

To our departed friend, Charles H. Byrne—

Staunch as the sturdy forest tree
That stands defiant of the gale,
A true and loyal friend was he,
Not one to falter or to fail.

And we that knew him ill can spare
His helpful words, his deeds of grace.
Green be the sod and ever fair
The flow'rs above his resting place.

—C. B. POWER, Pittsburg Leader.

"The National League loses a tireless and consumacious worker for the best interests of base ball, one whose good efforts were always equal to his power, in the death of Charles H. Byrne."—WALTER M. ROBISON, Sporting Editor Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Charles H. Byrne was to the great National game what John Marshall was to American constitutional law, its builder and moulder. He was more than that, he was the far-seeing statesman that builded for the future of base ball as well as for its immediate well-being. He was the Tallyrand that by his diplomacy steered the base ball ship of state between many a storm-encircled Scylla and Charybdis in safety, and best of all, he was a generous, whole-souled, honest gentleman."—FRANK F. PATTERSON, Base Ball Reporter Baltimore Sun.

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"Napoleon among the magnates, imperious friend of minor leagues, diamond boulder in foundation of National game—this was Charley Byrne."—T. H. MURNANE, Boston Globe.

"A Napoleon in base ball as field marshal of the American Association, who would not even surrender to a Wellington of the National League except upon terms of equity guaranteed to all interested parties; a just generous, honorable and brilliant leader, a faithful and lovable friend."—HORACE S. FOGEL, Philadelphia Ledger.

"President Byrne's death is the most serious blow base ball has sustained in many years."—BERT CROWHURST, Sporting Editor Philadelphia Bulletin.

"Brooklyn, whose honor he upheld in life and where his body now lies in death, mourns the loss of Charles H. Byrne as the most ardent and faithful supporter of the National game. He did more than any other to promote the welfare and honesty not alone of base ball but of all else as well."—A. YEAGER, Brooklyn Eagle.

"Mr. Byrne had a kind heart. That means he possessed nearly all the other virtues."—E. S. SHERIDAN, Sporting Editor Chicago Tribune.

"The loss to base ball by the death of C. H. Byrne is irreparable. I regard him as one of the greatest factors in its conservative legislation."—ED. W. SMITH, Sporting Editor Chicago Times-Herald.

"The recent death of Charles H. Byrne was a sad blow to base ball. He stood for all that was honest, clean and upright in this our National game. He was a pillar of the sport and enjoyed the courage of his convictions."—WILL L. DOUGLAS, Sporting Editor Louisville Courier-Journal.

"The Pittsburg public regard Charles H. Byrne as one of the most efficient and energetic men ever connected with base ball. He spared neither time nor money in advancing the popularity and honesty of the National game."

JOHN H. GRUBER, Sporting Editor Pittsburg Post.

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"Base ball lovers the country over will miss the coming season one of the truest friends the game ever had—Charles H. Byrne."—LOUIS SASS, Sporting Editor Chicago Record.

"In the death of Byrne base ball has suffered an irremediable loss. As a man and a friend he will be missed more than as a magnate."—H. S. FULLERTON, Base Ball Editor Chicago Tribune.

"Byrne's mission in base ball world was a comprehensive one and he fulfilled it nobly, leaving his impress indelibly stamped on National game. He was uncommonly endowed with brilliant ideas and ability to advocate them. Was ever prompted by honesty of purpose, forbearing to opponents and a real friend to the player and patron of the game."—JOHN D. PRINGLE, Sporting Editor Pittsburg Dispatch.

"Charles H. Byrne was a steadfast, strong and wise defender of good faith, good morals and good sense in the National game of America."—W. R. MERRICK, Cleveland Leader.

"Base ball writers may well mourn the loss of such a friend and sympathizer as Charles H. Byrne."—JACOB C. MORSE, Boston Herald.

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"Charles H. Byrne's name will go down to base ball posterity along with those two grand figures of the National game, W. H. Hulbert and Harry Wright. It was my pleasure to be intimately acquainted with the late President of the Brooklyn club. He was a thorough sportsman, a just arbitrator, a friend of the player and a power in the legislative councils of base ball."—HARRY M. WELDON, Sporting Editor Cincinnati Enquirer.

"The base ball writers of America had no greater friend than the late C. H. Byrne. He showed his appreciation of them by his honest dealings with them, and they loved him for it."—C. H. ZUBER, Sporting Editor Cincinnati Times-Star.

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Of Players Who Have Taken Part in Fifteen or More Championship Games—Season of 1897.

| Rank. | NAME. | CLUB. | Games. | At Bat. | Runs. | 1st Bases. | Per cent. | T. E. | H. | S. |
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| 1 | Keeler..... | Baltimore..... | 128 | 502 | 147 | 243 | .432 | 304 | 12 | 63 |
| 2 | Clark..... | Louisville..... | 129 | 525 | 122 | 213 | .406 | 287 | 3 | 60 |
| 3 | Kelley..... | Baltimore..... | 129 | 503 | 113 | 196 | .389 | 250 | 9 | 50 |
| 4 | Stivett..... | Boston..... | 49 | 196 | 43 | 76 | .388 | 118 | 1 | 2 |
| 5 | Burkett..... | Cleveland..... | 128 | 519 | 128 | 199 | .383 | 246 | 10 | 27 |
| 6 | Delehanty..... | Philadelphia..... | 129 | 530 | 110 | 200 | .377 | 281 | 5 | 28 |
| 7 | Lajoie..... | Philadelphia..... | 126 | 545 | 107 | 198 | .363 | 309 | 5 | 22 |
| 8 | Stahl..... | Boston..... | 111 | 468 | 111 | 168 | .359 | 240 | 5 | 14 |
| 9 | G. Davis..... | New York..... | 131 | 525 | 114 | 188 | .353 | 263 | 5 | 64 |
| 10 | Doyle..... | Baltimore..... | 114 | 463 | 93 | 165 | .356 | 211 | 2 | 62 |
| 11 | Jennings..... | Baltimore..... | 115 | 436 | 131 | 154 | .353 | 204 | 17 | 60 |
| 12 | Lange..... | Chicago..... | 117 | 482 | 119 | 170 | .352 | 235 | 9 | 83 |
| 13 | Stenzel..... | Baltimore..... | 131 | 538 | 113 | 189 | .351 | 258 | 3 | 77 |
| 14 | DeMontreville..... | Washington..... | 132 | 563 | 92 | 197 | .349 | 245 | 14 | 83 |
| 15 | Rothfuss..... | Pittsburg..... | 81 | 112 | 19 | 39 | .348 | 50 | 1 | 3 |
| 16 | Orth..... | Philadelphia..... | 42 | 147 | 26 | 51 | .347 | 69 | 2 | 7 |
| 17 | Collins..... | Boston..... | 133 | 529 | 102 | 183 | .346 | 255 | 8 | 16 |
| 18 | { Wagner..... | Louisville..... | 61 | 241 | 38 | 83 | .344 | 114 | 5 | 22 |
| 19 | { Hamilton..... | Boston..... | 125 | 506 | 153 | 174 | .344 | 212 | 4 | 70 |
| 20 | Duffy..... | Boston..... | 134 | 554 | 131 | 189 | .341 | 264 | 13 | 45 |
| 21 | Wallace..... | Cleveland..... | 131 | 522 | 99 | 177 | .339 | 264 | 14 | 17 |
| 22 | McGuire..... | Washington..... | 82 | 328 | 52 | 111 | .338 | 152 | 1 | 11 |
| 23 | Childs..... | Cleveland..... | 114 | 443 | 105 | 149 | .336 | 187 | 17 | 25 |
| 24 | Mercer..... | Washington..... | 42 | 135 | 22 | 45 | .333 | 57 | 4 | 7 |
| 25 | { Van Haltren..... | New York..... | 131 | 571 | 122 | 190 | .332 | 237 | 6 | 45 |
| 26 | { Anderson..... | Brooklyn..... | 116 | 488 | 93 | 162 | .332 | 228 | 11 | 42 |
| 27 | { Tiernan..... | New York..... | 129 | 534 | 123 | 177 | .331 | 242 | 1 | 34 |
| 28 | { Sockalexis..... | Cleveland..... | 66 | 281 | 43 | 93 | .331 | 127 | 4 | 17 |
| 29 | { Thornton..... | Chicago..... | 71 | 258 | 40 | 85 | .329 | 106 | 4 | 14 |
| 30 | Tucker..... | Boston and Washington..... | 98 | 370 | 52 | 122 | .329 | 167 | 3 | 18 |
| 31 | Holliday..... | Cincinnati..... | 53 | 189 | 49 | 62 | .328 | 87 | 2 | 4 |
| 32 | Long..... | Boston..... | 106 | 452 | 88 | 148 | .327 | 201 | 17 | 26 |
| 33 | Cooley..... | Philadelphia..... | 131 | 566 | 124 | 185 | .327 | 239 | 10 | 30 |
| 34 | Douglas..... | St. Louis..... | 127 | 522 | 77 | 171 | .327 | 209 | 8 | 12 |

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| 28 | Farrell..... | Washington..... | 65 | 257 | 40 | 84 | .327 | 102 | 5 | 8 |
| | { Donovan..... | Pittsburg..... | 120 | 475 | 83 | 155 | .326 | 185 | 9 | 39 |
| 29 | { McGraw..... | Baltimore..... | 105 | 389 | 89 | 127 | .326 | 146 | 8 | 42 |
| | { Tenney..... | Boston..... | 131 | 566 | 125 | 184 | .325 | 216 | 27 | 38 |
| 30 | { Beckley..... | New York and Cincinnati..... | 114 | 437 | 84 | 142 | .325 | 207 | 4 | 22 |
| | { Bowerman..... | Baltimore..... | 33 | 127 | 17 | 41 | .323 | 48 | 1 | 3 |
| 31 | Jones..... | Brooklyn..... | 135 | 553 | 133 | 178 | .322 | 218 | 13 | 62 |
| 32 | Griffin..... | Brooklyn..... | 134 | 530 | 137 | 170 | .320 | 227 | 12 | 23 |
| | { Selbach..... | Washington..... | 126 | 486 | 114 | 154 | .317 | 229 | 6 | 58 |
| 34 | { Miller..... | Cincinnati..... | 119 | 439 | 83 | 139 | .317 | 186 | 21 | 32 |
| 35 | Klobedanz..... | Boston..... | 38 | 136 | 27 | 43 | .316 | 57 | 3 | 1 |
| 36 | Gettman..... | Washington..... | 37 | 146 | 29 | 46 | .315 | 64 | 1 | 8 |
| | { Lowe..... | Boston..... | 121 | 500 | 87 | 157 | .314 | 217 | 13 | 18 |
| 37 | { Zimmer..... | Cleveland..... | 81 | 296 | 52 | 98 | .314 | 122 | 5 | 7 |
| | { Everett..... | Chicago..... | 90 | 379 | 63 | 119 | .314 | 154 | 11 | 27 |
| 38 | Robinson..... | Baltimore..... | 47 | 182 | 25 | 57 | .313 | 65 | 1 | 0 |
| 39 | Hoffmeister..... | Pittsburg..... | 47 | 189 | 33 | 59 | .312 | 91 | 1 | 4 |
| | { Smith..... | Pittsburg..... | 122 | 463 | 101 | 145 | .311 | 214 | 6 | 28 |
| 40 | { Gleason..... | New York..... | 134 | 555 | 88 | 173 | .311 | 198 | 5 | 40 |
| | { Wilson..... | New York..... | 44 | 158 | 29 | 49 | .310 | 65 | 0 | 7 |
| 41 | { Schriver..... | Cincinnati..... | 52 | 174 | 26 | 54 | .310 | 76 | 4 | 3 |
| | { Leahy..... | Washington and Pittsburg..... | 43 | 145 | 23 | 45 | .310 | 60 | 1 | 9 |
| | { Allen..... | Boston..... | 33 | 123 | 31 | 38 | .309 | 45 | 3 | 3 |
| | { Davis..... | Pittsburg..... | 107 | 427 | 69 | 132 | .309 | 206 | 10 | 23 |
| 42 | { Ryan..... | Chicago..... | 135 | 518 | 104 | 160 | .309 | 240 | 10 | 35 |
| | { A. Smith..... | Brooklyn..... | 61 | 223 | 36 | 72 | .309 | 90 | 6 | 14 |
| 43 | { LaChance..... | Brooklyn..... | 125 | 523 | 86 | 161 | .308 | 235 | 8 | 30 |
| | { Callahan..... | Chicago..... | 90 | 354 | 57 | 109 | .308 | 149 | 8 | 13 |
| | { McPhee..... | Cincinnati..... | 80 | 277 | 45 | 85 | .307 | 113 | 16 | 10 |
| 44 | { Decker..... | Chicago..... | 109 | 423 | 71 | 130 | .307 | 171 | 9 | 12 |
| | { Vaughn..... | Cincinnati..... | 50 | 193 | 21 | 59 | .305 | 82 | 4 | 4 |
| 45 | { Joyce..... | New York..... | 110 | 396 | 110 | 121 | .305 | 163 | 5 | 20 |
| 46 | Anson..... | Chicago..... | 112 | 423 | 66 | 128 | .302 | 157 | 9 | 16 |
| | { Werden..... | Louisville..... | 134 | 512 | 77 | 154 | .301 | 218 | 5 | 16 |
| 47 | { Hartman..... | St. Louis..... | 126 | 522 | 67 | 157 | .301 | 197 | 4 | 18 |
| 48 | Brodie..... | Pittsburg..... | 100 | 372 | 47 | 111 | .298 | 147 | 8 | 17 |
| 49 | { Peitz..... | Cincinnati..... | 73 | 256 | 34 | 76 | .297 | 102 | 7 | 5 |
| | { Connor..... | Chicago..... | 77 | 287 | 40 | 85 | .296 | 120 | 5 | 12 |
| 50 | { Dahlen..... | Chicago..... | 75 | 277 | 67 | 82 | .296 | 130 | 13 | 16 |
| | { Pickering..... | Louisville and Cleveland..... | 109 | 426 | 7 | 126 | .296 | 151 | 8 | 40 |
| 51 | Irwin..... | Cincinnati..... | 134 | 505 | 88 | 143 | .293 | 186 | 10 | 35 |
| 52 | Dexter..... | Louisville..... | 63 | 246 | 41 | 72 | .292 | 100 | 2 | 11 |
| | { Hoy..... | Cincinnati..... | 128 | 493 | 88 | 144 | .290 | 185 | 23 | 40 |
| 53 | { O'Connor..... | Cleveland..... | 100 | 369 | 48 | 116 | .290 | 151 | 6 | 22 |
| | { Shoch..... | Brooklyn..... | 79 | 272 | 39 | 79 | .290 | 93 | 12 | 9 |
| | { Turner..... | St. Louis..... | 102 | 415 | 58 | 120 | .289 | 163 | 7 | 10 |
| 54 | { Shindle..... | Brooklyn..... | 134 | 540 | 82 | 156 | .289 | 215 | 21 | 25 |
| | { Reitz..... | Baltimore..... | 127 | 476 | 76 | 138 | .289 | 172 | 6 | 26 |
| | { Corcoran..... | Cincinnati..... | 108 | 444 | 76 | 128 | .288 | 176 | 12 | 16 |
| | { Rusie..... | New York..... | 37 | 142 | 25 | 41 | .288 | 48 | 0 | 1 |
| 55 | { Cross..... | St. Louis..... | 130 | 462 | 60 | 133 | .288 | 185 | 13 | 26 |
| | { Harley..... | St. Louis..... | 89 | 333 | 43 | 96 | .288 | 119 | 6 | 20 |
| | { Ritchie..... | Cincinnati..... | 100 | 337 | 58 | 97 | .288 | 116 | 13 | 8 |

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| 56 | Brown..... | Washington..... | 116 | 473 | 93 | 136 | .287 | 168 | 8 | 27 |
| | { Dwyer..... | Cincinnati..... | 35 | 91 | 13 | 26 | .285 | 29 | 7 | 0 |
| 57 | { McCreery..... | Louisville and New York... | 138 | 522 | 91 | 149 | .285 | 201 | 30 | 25 |
| | { Geier..... | Philadelphia..... | 88 | 316 | 51 | 90 | .285 | 103 | 5 | 19 |
| | { Dowd..... | St. Louis and Philadelphia... | 125 | 539 | 93 | 153 | .284 | 185 | 14 | 41 |
| 58 | { Holmes..... | Louisville and New York... | 80 | 306 | 51 | 87 | .284 | 111 | 6 | 32 |
| | { Wrigley..... | Washington..... | 102 | 391 | 65 | 111 | .284 | 150 | 13 | 8 |
| 59 | { Clarke..... | New York..... | 118 | 440 | 62 | 124 | .282 | 167 | 4 | 17 |
| | { Ely..... | Pittsburg..... | 133 | 520 | 65 | 147 | .282 | 186 | 15 | 12 |
| 60 | Padden..... | Pittsburg..... | 135 | 515 | 84 | 145 | .281 | 186 | 20 | 18 |
| | { Smith..... | Louisville..... | 21 | 75 | 8 | 21 | .280 | 27 | 1 | 2 |
| 61 | { Meekin..... | New York..... | 38 | 139 | 22 | 39 | .280 | 45 | 0 | 4 |
| 62 | Lally..... | St. Louis..... | 87 | 367 | 57 | 102 | .278 | 134 | 6 | 11 |
| 63 | Sullivan..... | New York..... | 21 | 65 | 6 | 18 | .277 | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| 64 | Grady..... | St. Louis and Philadelphia... | 87 | 337 | 51 | 93 | .276 | 136 | 5 | 7 |
| 65 | Riley..... | Washington..... | 101 | 352 | 66 | 97 | .275 | 128 | 9 | 16 |
| | { Ganzel..... | Boston..... | 27 | 102 | 15 | 28 | .274 | 37 | 3 | 1 |
| 66 | { Warner..... | New York..... | 110 | 397 | 48 | 109 | .274 | 128 | 4 | 9 |
| | { Clarke..... | Baltimore..... | 63 | 241 | 32 | 66 | .274 | 78 | 3 | 7 |
| | { Friend..... | Chicago..... | 24 | 91 | 13 | 25 | .274 | 30 | 1 | 1 |
| | { McKean..... | Cleveland..... | 127 | 527 | 86 | 144 | .273 | 201 | 6 | 18 |
| 67 | { McCormick..... | Chicago..... | 100 | 413 | 88 | 113 | .273 | 148 | 4 | 44 |
| | { Merritt..... | Pittsburg..... | 56 | 207 | 21 | 56 | .270 | 66 | 6 | 3 |
| 68 | { Breitenstein..... | Cincinnati..... | 39 | 122 | 15 | 33 | .270 | 49 | 4 | 4 |
| | { Stafford..... | New York and Louisville... | 119 | 465 | 69 | 126 | .270 | 173 | 11 | 12 |
| | { Burke..... | Cincinnati..... | 94 | 386 | 71 | 104 | .269 | 125 | 4 | 30 |
| 69 | { Kennedy..... | Brooklyn..... | 42 | 145 | 10 | 39 | .269 | 52 | 2 | 0 |
| | { Carsey..... | Philadelphia and St. Louis... | 15 | 52 | 3 | 14 | .269 | 18 | 1 | 0 |
| 70 | O'Brien..... | Baltimore..... | 38 | 138 | 22 | 37 | .268 | 42 | 2 | 10 |
| | { McFarland..... | St. Louis and Philadelphia... | 67 | 239 | 32 | 64 | .267 | 95 | 14 | 3 |
| 71 | { Tebeau..... | Cleveland..... | 111 | 415 | 62 | 111 | .267 | 145 | 9 | 10 |
| 72 | { Tannehill..... | Pittsburg..... | 53 | 184 | 24 | 49 | .266 | 62 | 0 | 4 |
| | { Abbey..... | Washington..... | 78 | 306 | 54 | 81 | .264 | 103 | 3 | 10 |
| 73 | { Nichols..... | Boston..... | 42 | 144 | 21 | 38 | .264 | 51 | 2 | 4 |
| | { Quinn..... | Baltimore..... | 71 | 284 | 34 | 75 | .264 | 97 | 3 | 14 |
| | { Cross..... | Philadelphia..... | 88 | 345 | 37 | 90 | .261 | 128 | 11 | 11 |
| 74 | { Grim..... | Brooklyn..... | 76 | 283 | 25 | 74 | .261 | 83 | 8 | 3 |
| 75 | Boyle..... | Philadelphia..... | 73 | 282 | 36 | 73 | .259 | 94 | 5 | 2 |
| | { Nash..... | Philadelphia..... | 102 | 337 | 45 | 87 | .258 | 113 | 11 | 4 |
| 76 | { Gillen..... | Philadelphia..... | 74 | 271 | 32 | 70 | .258 | 86 | 10 | 2 |
| | { Killen..... | Pittsburg..... | 41 | 132 | 16 | 34 | .257 | 42 | 0 | 2 |
| 77 | { Corbett..... | Baltimore..... | 36 | 140 | 27 | 36 | .257 | 46 | 1 | 6 |
| | { Blake..... | Cleveland..... | 31 | 117 | 18 | 30 | .256 | 39 | 2 | 4 |
| 79 | Lewis..... | Boston..... | 35 | 110 | 15 | 28 | .254 | 31 | 7 | 3 |
| | { Payne..... | Brooklyn..... | 39 | 111 | 13 | 28 | .252 | 30 | 3 | 0 |
| 80 | { Taylor..... | Philadelphia..... | 37 | 135 | 12 | 34 | .252 | 45 | 2 | 0 |
| | { Shugart..... | Philadelphia..... | 40 | 163 | 20 | 41 | .251 | 67 | 1 | 6 |
| 81 | { Johnson..... | Louisville..... | 44 | 163 | 16 | 41 | .251 | 48 | 1 | 2 |
| | { Cartwright..... | Washington..... | 33 | 124 | 19 | 31 | .250 | 35 | 0 | 9 |
| 82 | { Hallman..... | Philadelphia and St. Louis... | 112 | 431 | 49 | 108 | .250 | 124 | 12 | 17 |
| | { Seymour..... | New York..... | 41 | 141 | 13 | 35 | .248 | 49 | 1 | 2 |
| 83 | { Bergen..... | Boston..... | 83 | 324 | 45 | 80 | .247 | 104 | 2 | 5 |
| 84 | { Lake..... | Boston..... | 16 | 61 | 2 | 15 | .246 | 19 | 2 | 2 |

BATTING RECORDS—Continued.

| Rank. | NAME. | CLUB. | Games. | At Bat. | Runs. | 1st Bases. | Per cent. | T. B. | S. H. | S. | B. |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---------|-------|------------|-----------|-------|-------|----|----|
| 86 | Hart..... | St. Louis..... | 43 | 155 | 14 | 38 | .245 | 49 | 0 | 5 | |
| 87 | { Daub..... | Brooklyn..... | 18 | 45 | 11 | 11 | .244 | 14 | 2 | 2 | |
| 87 | { Pond..... | Baltimore..... | 31 | 90 | 15 | 22 | .244 | 25 | 3 | 3 | |
| 88 | O'Brien..... | Washington..... | 84 | 318 | 37 | 77 | .242 | 104 | 3 | 5 | |
| 88 | Nance..... | Louisville..... | 34 | 120 | 25 | 29 | .241 | 46 | 3 | 3 | |
| 89 | { Cunningham..... | Louisville..... | 30 | 96 | 13 | 23 | .239 | 31 | 5 | 1 | |
| 90 | { Clements..... | Philadelphia..... | 49 | 184 | 18 | 44 | .239 | 71 | 4 | 2 | |
| 90 | { Yeager..... | Boston..... | 26 | 92 | 20 | 22 | .239 | 36 | 3 | 2 | |
| 91 | { Burrill..... | Brooklyn..... | 31 | 105 | 15 | 25 | .238 | 32 | 2 | 2 | |
| 91 | { Hoffer..... | Baltimore..... | 41 | 143 | 20 | 34 | .238 | 47 | 2 | 2 | |
| 92 | Griffith..... | Chicago..... | 46 | 161 | 29 | 38 | .236 | 53 | 3 | 1 | |
| 92 | { Fifeild..... | Philadelphia..... | 24 | 77 | 11 | 18 | .234 | 28 | 2 | 0 | |
| 93 | { Donahue..... | Chicago..... | 53 | 188 | 29 | 44 | .234 | 56 | 4 | 4 | |
| 94 | Magee..... | Louisville..... | 20 | 60 | 4 | 14 | .233 | 15 | 1 | 0 | |
| 95 | { Houseman..... | St. Louis..... | 76 | 267 | 32 | 62 | .232 | 77 | 4 | 12 | |
| 95 | { Clingman..... | Louisville..... | 115 | 406 | 60 | 94 | .232 | 130 | 8 | 11 | |
| 96 | { Pfeffer..... | Chicago..... | 32 | 113 | 10 | 26 | .230 | 27 | 2 | 5 | |
| 96 | { Creiger..... | Cleveland..... | 38 | 139 | 15 | 32 | .230 | 37 | 3 | 4 | |
| 97 | Connor..... | St. Louis..... | 22 | 83 | 13 | 19 | .229 | 26 | 1 | 3 | |
| 98 | Dunn..... | Brooklyn..... | 34 | 127 | 19 | 29 | .228 | 32 | 4 | 2 | |
| 99 | Swain..... | Washington..... | 24 | 71 | 7 | 16 | .225 | 17 | 1 | 3 | |
| 100 | McAleer..... | Cleveland..... | 23 | 89 | 5 | 20 | .224 | 22 | 1 | 5 | |
| 101 | { Wilson..... | Cleveland..... | 35 | 117 | 16 | 26 | .222 | 28 | 3 | 3 | |
| 101 | { Canavan..... | Brooklyn..... | 63 | 239 | 25 | 53 | .222 | 78 | 1 | 10 | |
| 102 | Sugden..... | Pittsburg..... | 83 | 288 | 30 | 63 | .219 | 77 | 13 | 9 | |
| 103 | { Young..... | Cleveland..... | 45 | 156 | 16 | 34 | .218 | 43 | 3 | 3 | |
| 103 | { Wilson..... | Louisville..... | 106 | 385 | 46 | 84 | .218 | 107 | 11 | 9 | |
| 104 | Nops..... | Baltimore..... | 28 | 92 | 7 | 20 | .217 | 26 | 2 | 0 | |
| 105 | { Donohue..... | St. Louis..... | 44 | 152 | 11 | 32 | .216 | 47 | 4 | 1 | |
| 105 | { Hawley..... | Pittsburg..... | 36 | 125 | 10 | 27 | .216 | 31 | 0 | 0 | |
| 106 | Ehret..... | Cincinnati..... | 27 | 66 | 6 | 14 | .212 | 16 | 2 | 2 | |
| 107 | McAllister..... | Cleveland..... | 40 | 137 | 20 | 29 | .211 | 36 | 4 | 4 | |
| 108 | Dolan..... | Louisville..... | 35 | 133 | 10 | 28 | .210 | 34 | 0 | 7 | |
| 109 | G. Smith..... | Brooklyn..... | 113 | 430 | 47 | 89 | .207 | 111 | 7 | 3 | |
| 110 | Lyons..... | Pittsburg..... | 36 | 131 | 22 | 27 | .206 | 47 | 1 | 5 | |
| 111 | Wheeler..... | Philadelphia..... | 25 | 78 | 11 | 16 | .205 | 23 | 1 | 2 | |
| 112 | Gettig..... | New York..... | 20 | 74 | 8 | 15 | .203 | 21 | 0 | 3 | |
| 113 | Powell..... | Cleveland..... | 28 | 99 | 10 | 20 | .202 | 21 | 4 | 1 | |
| 114 | Fisher..... | Brooklyn..... | 18 | 60 | 6 | 12 | .200 | 14 | 1 | 0 | |
| 115 | Kittridge..... | Chicago..... | 77 | 263 | 26 | 52 | .198 | 71 | 7 | 9 | |
| 116 | King..... | Washington..... | 18 | 57 | 8 | 11 | .193 | 12 | 0 | 0 | |
| 117 | Briggs..... | Chicago..... | 21 | 79 | 5 | 15 | .190 | 18 | 2 | 2 | |
| 118 | Donnelly..... | Pittsburg and New York..... | 66 | 246 | 40 | 46 | .187 | 53 | 4 | 18 | |
| 119 | Murphy..... | St. Louis..... | 55 | 203 | 12 | 36 | .177 | 38 | 4 | 2 | |
| 120 | Frazer..... | Louisville..... | 36 | 116 | 10 | 20 | .172 | 24 | 2 | 2 | |
| 121 | Rhines..... | Cincinnati..... | 36 | 101 | 4 | 17 | .168 | 20 | 2 | 0 | |
| 122 | Hoek..... | Louisville..... | 15 | 49 | 5 | 8 | .163 | 10 | 2 | 0 | |
| 123 | McJames..... | Washington..... | 41 | 125 | 12 | 20 | .160 | 25 | 0 | 1 | |
| 124 | Gardner..... | Pittsburg..... | 28 | 78 | 13 | 12 | .153 | 19 | 2 | 2 | |
| 125 | { Cuppy..... | Cleveland..... | 17 | 54 | 5 | 8 | .148 | 10 | 1 | 0 | |
| 125 | { Rogers..... | Louisville..... | 40 | 148 | 21 | 22 | .148 | 36 | 3 | 4 | |
| 126 | Hughey..... | Pittsburg..... | 20 | 61 | 4 | 8 | .115 | 9 | 1 | 0 | |
| 127 | Hill..... | Louisville..... | 26 | 73 | 5 | 7 | .095 | 9 | 2 | 1 | |

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FIRST BASEMEN.

| Rank. | NAME. | CLUB. | Games. | Put Outs. | Assists. | Errors. | Total Chances. | Per cent. |
|-------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|---------|----------------|-----------|
| 1 | Tebeau..... | Cleveland..... | 91 | 912 | 42 | 5 | 959 | .994 |
| 2 | Douglas..... | St. Louis..... | 17 | 146 | 7 | 1 | 154 | .993 |
| 3 | Vaughn..... | Cincinnati..... | 35 | 342 | 17 | 4 | 363 | .989 |
| 4 | { Decker..... | Chicago..... | 38 | 398 | 28 | 5 | 431 | .988 |
| | { Tenney..... | Boston..... | 128 | 1239 | 79 | 16 | 1334 | .988 |
| | { W. Clarke..... | New York..... | 110 | 1065 | 66 | 15 | 1146 | .987 |
| 5 | Boyle..... | Philadelphia..... | 25 | 217 | 6 | 3 | 226 | .987 |
| | Lyons..... | Chicago..... | 101 | 940 | 23 | 13 | 976 | .987 |
| 6 | { Werden..... | Pittsburg..... | 34 | 326 | 17 | 5 | 348 | .985 |
| | { Lajoie..... | Louisville..... | 134 | 1339 | 121 | 23 | 1483 | .985 |
| 7 | Connor..... | Philadelphia..... | 106 | 1070 | 37 | 18 | 1125 | .984 |
| 8 | O'Connor..... | St. Louis..... | 22 | 237 | 11 | 4 | 253 | .984 |
| 9 | Tucker..... | Cleveland..... | 33 | 340 | 9 | 6 | 355 | .983 |
| | | Boston and Washington... | 98 | 904 | 46 | 17 | 967 | .982 |
| 10 | LaChance..... | Brooklyn..... | 125 | 1280 | 62 | 26 | 1368 | .981 |
| 11 | { Rothfuss..... | Pittsburg..... | 30 | 251 | 11 | 5 | 247 | .979 |
| | { Doyle..... | Baltimore..... | 114 | 1102 | 75 | 25 | 1302 | .979 |
| 12 | { O'Brien..... | Baltimore..... | 25 | 203 | 9 | 5 | 217 | .977 |
| | { Beckley..... | Cincinnati and New York. | 114 | 994 | 58 | 23 | 1075 | .977 |
| 13 | Grady..... | Philadelphia and St. Louis. | 84 | 805 | 50 | 22 | 877 | .975 |
| 14 | Davis..... | Pittsburg..... | 62 | 564 | 27 | 20 | 611 | .967 |
| 15 | Cartwright..... | Washington..... | 33 | 291 | 25 | 11 | 327 | .966 |

SECOND BASEMEN.

| | | | | | | | | |
|----|--------------------|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|------|
| 1 | { McPhee..... | Cincinnati..... | 80 | 205 | 269 | 17 | 491 | .965 |
| | { Cross..... | Philadelphia..... | 41 | 71 | 125 | 7 | 203 | .965 |
| 2 | Reitz..... | Baltimore..... | 127 | 282 | 448 | 27 | 757 | .964 |
| 3 | Smith..... | Louisville..... | 21 | 47 | 59 | 4 | 110 | .963 |
| 4 | Tebeau..... | Cleveland..... | 17 | 34 | 53 | 4 | 91 | .956 |
| 5 | Corcoran..... | Cincinnati..... | 44 | 125 | 143 | 12 | 280 | .955 |
| 6 | Geier..... | Philadelphia..... | 37 | 89 | 120 | 10 | 219 | .954 |
| 7 | Lowe..... | Boston..... | 121 | 272 | 404 | 33 | 709 | .953 |
| 8 | DeMontreville..... | Washington..... | 31 | 80 | 98 | 10 | 188 | .947 |
| 9 | Childs..... | Cleveland..... | 114 | 322 | 386 | 42 | 750 | .944 |
| 10 | { Connor..... | Chicago..... | 77 | 179 | 295 | 29 | 503 | .942 |
| | { Padden..... | Pittsburg..... | 135 | 372 | 399 | 47 | 818 | .942 |
| 11 | Hallman..... | Phila. and St. Louis..... | 110 | 283 | 337 | 39 | 659 | .941 |
| 12 | Shoch..... | Brooklyn..... | 65 | 185 | 232 | 27 | 444 | .939 |
| 13 | O'Brien..... | Washington..... | 84 | 229 | 250 | 33 | 512 | .935 |
| 14 | Houseman..... | St. Louis..... | 26 | 93 | 117 | 16 | 226 | .929 |
| 15 | Gleason..... | New York..... | 131 | 306 | 403 | 56 | 765 | .927 |
| 16 | Callahan..... | Chicago..... | 80 | 68 | 96 | 14 | 178 | .921 |
| 17 | Rogers..... | Louisville..... | 37 | 83 | 122 | 18 | 223 | .919 |
| 18 | Canavan..... | Brooklyn..... | 63 | 154 | 165 | 33 | 352 | .906 |
| 19 | Dolan..... | Brooklyn..... | 18 | 43 | 68 | 12 | 123 | .902 |
| 20 | Dowd..... | St. Louis and Phila..... | 23 | 57 | 72 | 15 | 144 | .895 |
| 21 | Pfeffer..... | Chicago..... | 32 | 72 | 94 | 21 | 187 | .888 |
| 22 | Johnson..... | Louisville..... | 33 | 72 | 93 | 22 | 187 | .882 |

THIRD BASEMEN.

| Rank. | NAME. | CLUB. | Games. | Put Outs | Assists. | Errors. | Total Chances. | Per cent. |
|-------|------------------|--------------------------|--------|----------|----------|---------|----------------|-----------|
| 1 | Quinn..... | Baltimore..... | 34 | 40 | 82 | 6 | 128 | .952 |
| 2 | Clingman..... | Louisville..... | 115 | 175 | 275 | 24 | 474 | .949 |
| 3 | Irwin..... | Cincinnati..... | 134 | 189 | 291 | 27 | 447 | .939 |
| 4 | Wallace..... | Cleveland..... | 130 | 194 | 255 | 31 | 480 | .935 |
| 5 | Collins..... | Boston..... | 133 | 213 | 303 | 38 | 554 | .931 |
| 6 | Nash..... | Philadelphia..... | 77 | 115 | 145 | 23 | 283 | .919 |
| 7 | Riley..... | Washington..... | 101 | 147 | 228 | 35 | 410 | .914 |
| 8 | Donnelly..... | Pittsburg and New York.. | 66 | 70 | 121 | 19 | 210 | .909 |
| 9 | Shindle..... | Brooklyn..... | 134 | 179 | 248 | 45 | 472 | .905 |
| 10 | McGraw..... | Baltimore..... | 105 | 116 | 182 | 36 | 334 | .892 |
| 11 | Cross..... | Philadelphia..... | 44 | 65 | 87 | 19 | 171 | .888 |
| 12 | Everett..... | Chicago..... | 83 | 125 | 146 | 37 | 308 | .879 |
| 13 | McCormick..... | Chicago..... | 53 | 56 | 118 | 26 | 200 | .870 |
| 14 | Hartman..... | St. Louis..... | 126 | 162 | 253 | 64 | 479 | .866 |
| 15 | Davis..... | Pittsburg..... | 32 | 55 | 59 | 18 | 132 | .863 |
| 16 | Joyce..... | New York..... | 108 | 167 | 200 | 60 | 427 | .861 |
| 17 | Wrigley..... | Washington..... | 29 | 37 | 67 | 18 | 122 | .852 |
| 18 | Hoffmeister..... | Pittsburg..... | 47 | 50 | 68 | 28 | 146 | .808 |

SHORTSTOPS.

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|----|--------------------|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|------|
| 1 | Quinn..... | Baltimore..... | 21 | 61 | 58 | 4 | 123 | .967 |
| 2 | Jennings..... | Baltimore..... | 115 | 326 | 417 | 54 | 807 | .933 |
| 3 | G. Davis..... | New York..... | 131 | 346 | 436 | 57 | 839 | .932 |
| 4 | Dahlen..... | Chicago..... | 75 | 215 | 297 | 39 | 551 | .929 |
| 5 | Ely..... | Pittsburg..... | 133 | 306 | 460 | 60 | 826 | .927 |
| 6 | McKean..... | Cleveland..... | 127 | 231 | 381 | 50 | 662 | .924 |
| 7 | Corcoran..... | Cincinnati..... | 64 | 164 | 211 | 31 | 406 | .923 |
| 8 | Cross..... | St. Louis..... | 130 | 330 | 514 | 72 | 916 | .921 |
| 9 | G. Smith..... | Brooklyn..... | 113 | 216 | 399 | 58 | 673 | .914 |
| 10 | Allen..... | Boston..... | 32 | 80 | 115 | 18 | 213 | .910 |
| 11 | Nash..... | Philadelphia..... | 19 | 51 | 51 | 10 | 112 | .910 |
| 12 | Long..... | Boston..... | 106 | 276 | 347 | 63 | 686 | .908 |
| 13 | McCormick..... | Chicago..... | 45 | 110 | 152 | 30 | 292 | .897 |
| 14 | Ritchie..... | Cincinnati..... | 69 | 146 | 204 | 40 | 390 | .897 |
| 15 | Gillen..... | Philadelphia..... | 69 | 131 | 198 | 39 | 368 | .894 |
| 16 | DeMontreville..... | Washington..... | 101 | 262 | 359 | 79 | 700 | .887 |
| 17 | Wrigley..... | Washington..... | 31 | 70 | 112 | 24 | 206 | .883 |
| 18 | Stafford..... | Louisville and New York. | 109 | 210 | 364 | 76 | 650 | .883 |
| 19 | Shugart..... | Philadelphia..... | 40 | 103 | 130 | 33 | 266 | .875 |
| 20 | Dolan..... | Louisville..... | 18 | 40 | 50 | 16 | 106 | .849 |
| 21 | Callahan..... | Chicago..... | 16 | 24 | 54 | 15 | 93 | .838 |

OUTFIELDERS.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-------|
| 1 | Nance..... | Louisville..... | 34 | 60 | 8 | 0 | 68 | 1.000 |
| 2 | Blake..... | Cleveland..... | 31 | 86 | 3 | 1 | 90 | .988 |
| 3 | Brodie..... | Pittsburg..... | 100 | 216 | 11 | 4 | 231 | .983 |
| 4 | Keeler..... | Baltimore..... | 128 | 218 | 14 | 7 | 229 | .970 |
| 5 | Delehanty..... | Philadelphia..... | 128 | 262 | 22 | 10 | 294 | .966 |
| 6 | Gettman..... | Washington..... | 37 | 49 | 3 | 2 | 54 | .963 |
| 7 | Lajoie..... | Philadelphia..... | 18 | 42 | 6 | 2 | 50 | .960 |
| 8 | Cooley..... | Philadelphia..... | 129 | 325 | 15 | 14 | 354 | .960 |
| 9 | Duffy..... | Boston..... | 127 | 263 | 12 | 12 | 287 | .958 |

OUTFIELDERS—Continued.

| Rank. | NAME. | CLUB. | Games. | Put Outs. | Assists. | Errors. | Total Chances. | Per cent. |
|-------|------------------|---------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|---------|----------------|-----------|
| | Houseman..... | St. Louis..... | 33 | 60 | 5 | 3 | 68 | .955 |
| 9 | Griffin..... | Brooklyn..... | 134 | 352 | 13 | 17 | 382 | .955 |
| | Selbach..... | Washington..... | 126 | 304 | 14 | 15 | 333 | .955 |
| 10 | Kelley..... | Baltimore..... | 128 | 238 | 15 | 12 | 265 | .954 |
| | Hamilton..... | Boston..... | 125 | 299 | 9 | 15 | 323 | .953 |
| 11 | Abbey..... | Washington..... | 78 | 128 | 14 | 7 | 149 | .953 |
| 12 | Lange..... | Chicago..... | 117 | 262 | 17 | 14 | 293 | .952 |
| | Donovan..... | Pittsburg..... | 120 | 185 | 16 | 11 | 212 | .948 |
| 13 | Jones..... | Brooklyn..... | 135 | 233 | 21 | 14 | 268 | .948 |
| 14 | McAleer..... | Cleveland..... | 23 | 51 | 3 | 3 | 57 | .947 |
| 15 | Douglas..... | St. Louis..... | 43 | 79 | 7 | 5 | 91 | .945 |
| 16 | Burkett..... | Cleveland..... | 128 | 220 | 14 | 14 | 248 | .943 |
| 17 | O'Conner..... | Cleveland..... | 54 | 95 | 3 | 6 | 104 | .942 |
| 18 | Tiernan..... | New York..... | 129 | 180 | 14 | 12 | 206 | .941 |
| | Burke..... | Cincinnati..... | 94 | 225 | 11 | 15 | 251 | .940 |
| | Ryan..... | Chicago..... | 135 | 211 | 28 | 14 | 253 | .940 |
| 19 | Turner..... | St. Louis..... | 102 | 147 | 10 | 10 | 167 | .940 |
| | Stivett..... | Boston..... | 26 | 43 | 4 | 3 | 50 | .940 |
| 20 | Hoy..... | Cincinnati..... | 128 | 352 | 11 | 24 | 387 | .938 |
| 21 | Stahl..... | Boston..... | 111 | 169 | 18 | 13 | 200 | .935 |
| 22 | Van Haltren..... | New York..... | 131 | 268 | 31 | 21 | 320 | .934 |
| | Geier..... | Philadelphia..... | 43 | 73 | 12 | 6 | 91 | .934 |
| 23 | Pickering..... | Cleveland and Louisville..... | 109 | 245 | 19 | 19 | 283 | .933 |
| | Holliday..... | Cincinnati..... | 43 | 67 | 4 | 5 | 76 | .933 |
| 24 | Miller..... | Cincinnati..... | 111 | 203 | 18 | 16 | 237 | .932 |
| 25 | Stenzel..... | Baltimore..... | 131 | 209 | 13 | 20 | 242 | .931 |
| 26 | Wrigley..... | Washington..... | 32 | 42 | 10 | 4 | 56 | .929 |
| 27 | Clark..... | Louisville..... | 129 | 283 | 23 | 24 | 330 | .927 |
| | Brown..... | Washington..... | 110 | 252 | 18 | 21 | 291 | .927 |
| 28 | Anderson..... | Brooklyn..... | 114 | 256 | 7 | 21 | 284 | .926 |
| 29 | Decker..... | Chicago..... | 75 | 113 | 9 | 11 | 133 | .917 |
| | Wagner..... | Louisville..... | 52 | 105 | 17 | 11 | 133 | .917 |
| 30 | McAllister..... | Cleveland..... | 27 | 40 | 2 | 4 | 46 | .913 |
| 31 | Harley..... | St. Louis..... | 80 | 189 | 19 | 20 | 228 | .912 |
| 32 | E. E. Smith..... | Pittsburg..... | 121 | 240 | 17 | 26 | 283 | .908 |
| | Dowd..... | St. Louis and Philadelphia..... | 102 | 179 | 9 | 19 | 207 | .908 |
| 33 | Tannehill..... | Pittsburg..... | 32 | 80 | 7 | 9 | 96 | .906 |
| 34 | Leahy..... | Washington and Pittsburg..... | 24 | 35 | 3 | 4 | 42 | .905 |
| 35 | Holmes..... | New York and Louisville..... | 79 | 120 | 9 | 14 | 143 | .902 |
| 36 | Ritchie..... | Cincinnati..... | 20 | 29 | 5 | 4 | 37 | .895 |
| 37 | Lally..... | St. Louis..... | 85 | 198 | 9 | 25 | 232 | .892 |
| 38 | Sockalexis..... | Cleveland..... | 66 | 117 | 9 | 16 | 142 | .887 |
| 39 | McCreery..... | Louisville and New York..... | 136 | 193 | 22 | 31 | 246 | .873 |
| 40 | A. Smith..... | Brooklyn..... | 17 | 31 | 3 | 5 | 39 | .872 |
| 41 | Dexter..... | Louisville..... | 26 | 37 | 7 | 7 | 51 | .863 |
| 42 | Callahan..... | Chicago..... | 20 | 39 | 5 | 9 | 53 | .830 |
| 43 | Thornton..... | Chicago..... | 58 | 70 | 7 | 25 | 102 | .755 |

CATCHERS' RECORDS.

| Rank. | NAME. | CLUB. | Games Played. | Put Outs. | Assists. | Errors. | Passed Balls. | Total Chances. | Percentage Accepted. |
|-------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|---------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Peitz..... | Cincinnati..... | 72 | 258 | 67 | 8 | 7 | 340 | .956 |
| 2 | Kittridge..... | Chicago..... | 77 | 314 | 79 | 13 | 6 | 412 | .954 |
| 3 | Zimmer..... | Cleveland..... | 81 | 276 | 88 | 11 | 6 | 381 | .950 |
| 4 | Murphy..... | St. Louis..... | 51 | 157 | 63 | 9 | 3 | 232 | .948 |
| 5 | Clements..... | Philadelphia..... | 48 | 164 | 40 | 8 | 5 | 217 | .940 |
| 6 | Schriver..... | Cincinnati..... | 52 | 147 | 40 | 8 | 5 | 200 | .935 |
| 7 | Farrell..... | Washington..... | 64 | 232 | 91 | 16 | 6 | 335 | .934 |
| 8 | Warner..... | New York..... | 110 | 521 | 130 | 33 | 16 | 700 | .930 |
| 9 | Boyle..... | Philadelphia..... | 48 | 151 | 45 | 9 | 6 | 211 | .929 |
| 10 | Bergen..... | Boston..... | 82 | 352 | 62 | 15 | 17 | 446 | .928 |
| 11 | McGuire..... | Washington..... | 76 | 289 | 88 | 19 | 11 | 407 | .926 |
| 12 | Robinson..... | Baltimore..... | 47 | 185 | 36 | 8 | 10 | 239 | .925 |
| 13 | Creiger..... | Cleveland..... | 38 | 124 | 46 | 12 | 2 | 184 | .924 |
| 14 | Clarke..... | Baltimore..... | 50 | 191 | 38 | 15 | 4 | 248 | .923 |
| 15 | Sugden..... | Pittsburg..... | 81 | 207 | 80 | 23 | 13 | 422 | .917 |
| 15 | Merritt..... | Pittsburg..... | 53 | 201 | 43 | 14 | 8 | 266 | .917 |
| 16 | Donohue..... | Chicago..... | 53 | 217 | 72 | 18 | 9 | 316 | .914 |
| 17 | Ganzel..... | Boston..... | 26 | 102 | 26 | 3 | 141 | .408 | |
| 18 | Grim..... | Brooklyn..... | 76 | 237 | 100 | 18 | 18 | 373 | .904 |
| 19 | Douglas..... | St. Louis..... | 61 | 169 | 69 | 15 | 11 | 264 | .901 |
| 20 | Lake..... | Boston..... | 16 | 49 | 13 | 2 | 5 | 79 | .898 |
| 21 | Wilson..... | Louisville..... | 105 | 398 | 120 | 27 | 30 | 515 | .889 |
| 22 | McFarland..... | St. Louis and Philadelphia | 64 | 206 | 74 | 16 | 20 | 316 | .886 |
| 23 | Wilson..... | New York..... | 29 | 125 | 32 | 12 | 8 | 167 | .880 |
| 24 | Bowerman..... | Baltimore..... | 33 | 154 | 37 | 10 | 20 | 211 | .858 |
| 25 | Burrill..... | Brooklyn..... | 27 | 75 | 33 | 16 | 1 | 115 | .852 |
| 26 | A. Smith..... | Brooklyn..... | 38 | 103 | 43 | 18 | 9 | 173 | .844 |
| 27 | Dexter..... | Louisville..... | 24 | 63 | 29 | 9 | 10 | 111 | .829 |

PITCHERS' RECORDS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

| NAME. | CLUB. | Games Played. | Per cent. of Victories.* | Per cent. of Base Hits off Pitcher. | Av. Runs Scored Per Game. | Av. Runs Earned Per Game. | Hit Batsmen. | Bases Given on Called Balls. | No. Struck Out. | Per cent. Fielding Chances Accepted. |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Breitenstein..... | Cincinnati..... | 34 | .708 | .271 | 4.76 | 2.03 | 7 | 85 | 97 | .932 |
| Briggs..... | Chicago..... | 29 | .210 | .324 | 8.20 | 3.10 | 7 | 87 | 62 | .865 |
| Callahan..... | Chicago..... | 21 | .571 | .309 | 5.05 | 2.14 | 7 | 76 | 52 | .842 |
| Cunningham..... | Louisville..... | 30 | .517 | .300 | 5.07 | 2.03 | 14 | 72 | 52 | .884 |
| Cuppy..... | Cleveland..... | 17 | .588 | .279 | 4.06 | 1.53 | 5 | 25 | 23 | .943 |
| Corbett..... | Baltimore..... | 35 | .774 | .262 | 4.86 | 1.71 | 24 | 106 | 151 | .744 |
| Carsey..... | Phila. and St. Louis. | 15 | .400 | .318 | 6.86 | 3.33 | 7 | 53 | 13 | .900 |

* Exclusive of tie games.

PITCHERS' RECORDS—Continued.

| NAME. | CLUB. | Games Played. | Per cent. of Victories.* | Per cent. of Base Hits off Pitcher. | Av. Runs Scored Per Game. | Av. Runs Earned Per Game. | Hit Batsmen. | Bases Given on Called Balls. | No. Struck Out. | Per cent. Fielding Chances Accepted. |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Donohue..... | St. Louis..... | 42 | .238 | .334 | 7.07 | 3.40 | 18 | 100 | 59 | .913 |
| Dwyer..... | Cincinnati..... | 33 | .562 | .302 | 4.28 | 1.79 | 11 | 47 | 40 | .877 |
| Dunn..... | Brooklyn..... | 23 | .636 | .283 | 6.35 | 2.65 | 10 | 63 | 25 | .827 |
| Daub..... | Brooklyn..... | 17 | .353 | .319 | 6.82 | 3.18 | 9 | 47 | 19 | .864 |
| Ehret..... | Cincinnati..... | 23 | .428 | .313 | 6.04 | 2.51 | 12 | 37 | 39 | .917 |
| Fisher..... | Brooklyn..... | 15 | .600 | .287 | 6.00 | 3.87 | 1 | 46 | 31 | .964 |
| Frazer..... | Louisville..... | 37 | .444 | .283 | 6.05 | 1.84 | 24 | 141 | 74 | .765 |
| Fifield..... | Philadelphia..... | 23 | .174 | .310 | 6.04 | 2.61 | 8 | 68 | 32 | .884 |
| Friend..... | Chicago..... | 23 | .545 | .289 | 6.35 | 2.30 | 19 | 84 | 59 | .945 |
| Gri fifth..... | Chicago..... | 40 | .525 | .296 | 5.95 | 2.65 | 18 | 86 | 105 | .881 |
| Hawley..... | Pittsburg..... | 34 | .500 | .282 | 6.11 | 2.73 | 25 | 88 | 84 | .905 |
| Hughey..... | Pittsburg..... | 20 | .450 | .311 | 6.15 | 2.50 | 7 | 46 | 43 | .771 |
| Hart..... | St. Louis..... | 37 | .243 | .320 | 7.70 | 3.51 | 17 | 149 | 67 | .837 |
| Hill..... | Louisville..... | 25 | .291 | .265 | 5.12 | 1.64 | 20 | 70 | 57 | .805 |
| Hoffer..... | Baltimore..... | 33 | .697 | .260 | 5.85 | 2.54 | 15 | 99 | 62 | .868 |
| Killen..... | Pittsburg..... | 40 | .461 | .291 | 5.80 | 2.70 | 9 | 72 | 99 | .818 |
| King..... | Washington..... | 17 | .412 | .308 | 6.64 | 2.88 | 9 | 42 | 30 | .884 |
| Kennedy..... | Brooklyn..... | 40 | .487 | .284 | 5.12 | 2.10 | 8 | 146 | 80 | .916 |
| Klobedanz..... | Boston..... | 38 | .729 | .291 | 5.34 | 2.84 | 24 | 123 | 93 | .828 |
| Lewis..... | Boston..... | 32 | .645 | .278 | 5.37 | 2.37 | 10 | 123 | 62 | .816 |
| Meekin..... | New York..... | 35 | .606 | .281 | 5.23 | 2.17 | 8 | 100 | 84 | .758 |
| Magee..... | Louisville..... | 17 | .250 | .296 | 7.53 | 2.70 | 11 | 95 | 38 | .705 |
| Mercer..... | Washington..... | 43 | .547 | .290 | 4.97 | 1.56 | 27 | 98 | 93 | .775 |
| McJames..... | Washington..... | 42 | .375 | .273 | 5.12 | 1.48 | 19 | 136 | 161 | .734 |
| Nops..... | Baltimore..... | 27 | .769 | .271 | 3.65 | 1.81 | 9 | 50 | 66 | .894 |
| Nichols..... | Boston..... | 41 | .732 | .253 | 3.80 | 1.68 | 3 | 72 | 126 | .872 |
| Orth..... | Philadelphia..... | 32 | .406 | .309 | 6.03 | 3.31 | 5 | 76 | 67 | .903 |
| Powell..... | Cleveland..... | 26 | .577 | .272 | 4.23 | 1.88 | 9 | 55 | 61 | .833 |
| Pond..... | Baltimore..... | 26 | .680 | .271 | 4.96 | 1.32 | 13 | 72 | 58 | .870 |
| Payne..... | Brooklyn..... | 33 | .419 | .291 | 6.48 | 2.79 | 19 | 70 | 87 | .876 |
| Rhines..... | Cincinnati..... | 35 | .543 | .277 | 4.80 | 1.91 | 18 | 83 | 69 | .836 |
| Rusie..... | New York..... | 37 | .784 | .253 | 3.89 | 1.27 | 10 | 86 | 140 | .871 |
| Seymour..... | New York..... | 32 | .600 | .241 | 4.34 | 1.28 | 19 | 165 | 157 | .769 |
| Sullivan..... | New York..... | 19 | .555 | .312 | 6.47 | 2.95 | 14 | 71 | 47 | .773 |
| Swain..... | Washington..... | 20 | .350 | .311 | 6.10 | 3.25 | 10 | 54 | 46 | .735 |
| Stivett..... | Boston..... | 16 | .625 | .283 | 4.56 | 2.12 | 5 | 41 | 27 | .953 |
| Tannehill..... | Pittsburg..... | 17 | .562 | .281 | 5.70 | 1.88 | 8 | 21 | 33 | .912 |
| Thornton..... | Chicago..... | 16 | .429 | .294 | 5.69 | 2.31 | 5 | 50 | 57 | .875 |
| Taylor..... | Philadelphia..... | 36 | .470 | .293 | 5.55 | 2.69 | 25 | 73 | 85 | .783 |
| Wheeler..... | Philadelphia..... | 25 | .520 | .292 | 5.36 | 3.04 | 6 | 76 | 67 | .905 |
| Wilson..... | Cleveland..... | 29 | .586 | .298 | 6.07 | 2.89 | 9 | 82 | 66 | .886 |
| Young..... | Cleveland..... | 40 | .538 | .290 | 4.85 | 2.25 | 8 | 51 | 90 | .822 |

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| CLUBS. | In Boston. | In Brooklyn. | In New York. | In Philadel'a | In Baltimore. | In Wash'ton. | In Pittsburg. | In Cleveland. | In Chicago. | In Cincinnati. | In Louis- ville. | In St Louis. |
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| Boston... | | July 6, 23, 25, 26 18, May 4, July 4 a.m., Oct. 6, 7, 8 | Apr. 15, 16, 18, May 4, July 4 a.m., p.m. Sept. 3 | April 25, 26, 27, 28 July 7, 8, 9 | April 20, 21, 22, 23 Oct. 13, 14, 15 | Apr. 29, 30 May 2, 3 Oct. 10, 11, 12 | June 24, 25, 27, 28 Aug. 27, 29, 30 | June 29, 30 July 1, 2 Aug. 31 Sept. 1, 2, 24, 25, 26 | June 30, 21, 22, 23 Aug. 2 Sept. 1, 3, 29, 30, 31 | May 19, 20, 21 Aug. 6, 8, 9, 10 | May 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 Aug. 3, 4, 5 | May 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 Aug. 3, 4, 5 |
| Brooklyn. | May 13, 14, 16, 17 Sept. 24, 26, 27 | | May 9, 10 June 11, 13 July 7, 8 Sept. 6 | April 15, 16, 18, 19 Oct. 13, 14, 15 | April 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 29, 30 Oct. 1 | April 20, 21, 22, 23 July 4, 5 m., p.m., 5 | June 22, 30 July 1, 2 Aug. 2 24, 25, 26 | June 29, 21, 22, 23 Aug. 2 27, 28, 29 | June 24, 25, 26, 27 Aug. 31 Sept. 1, 3 | May 19, 20, 21 Aug. 6, 7, 8 | May 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 Aug. 3, 4, 5 | May 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 Aug. 3, 4, 5 |
| New York | | May 11, 12 May 5, 6, 7 Sept. 8, 9, 10 | | April 20, 21, 22, 23 June 18 Oct. 3, 4 | Apr. 29, 30 May 2 July 2, 3 Oct. 10, 11, 12 | Apr. 25, 26, 27, 28 Sept. 20, 30 Oct. 1 | June 20, 21, 22, 23 Aug. 31 Sept. 1, 2 | June 24, 25, 26, 27 Aug. 2 24, 25, 26 | July 1, 2 Aug. 2 27, 28, 29 | May 19, 20, 21 Aug. 6, 7, 8 | May 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 Aug. 3, 4, 5 | May 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 Aug. 3, 4, 5 |
| Philadel- phia. | June 11, 13, 14, 15 Sept. 29, 30 Oct. 1 | April 20, 30 May 2, 3 Oct. 10, 11, 12 | June 16, 17 Sept. 24, 26, 27, 28 Oct. 5 | | May 4, 5, 6, 7 July 4, 5 m., p.m., 5 | May 9, 10, 11, 12 Sept. 8, 9, 10 | May 23, 24, 25 July 28, 29 Aug. 1 30, Aug. 1 | May 19, 20, 21 Aug. 2 3, 4, 5 | June 29, 30 July 1, 2 Aug. 6 27, 28, 30 | June 29, 30 July 1, 2 Aug. 6 27, 28, 30 | June 29, 30 July 1, 2 Aug. 6 27, 28, 30 | June 29, 30 July 1, 2 Aug. 6 27, 28, 30 |
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| Wash- ington. | June 16, 17 18, Sept. 5, a.m., p.m., 6, 7 | May 4, 5, 6, 7 Oct. 3, 4, 5 | May 13, 14, 16, 17 Oct. 13, 14, 15 | July 23, 25, 26, 27 Oct. 6, 7, 8 | Apr. 16, 19 Sept. 12, 24, 27 | | May 26, 27, 28 Aug. 2 3, 4, 5 | May 23, 24, 25 Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9 | May 19, 20, 21, 22 Sept. 30, 31 | June 24, 25, 26, 27 Aug. 31 Sept. 1, 3 | June 24, 25, 26, 27 Aug. 31 Sept. 1 | June 24, 25, 26, 27 Aug. 31 Sept. 1 |

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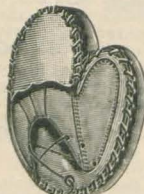
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All of our Mits are furnished for either the Right or Left Hand. The Left Hand Mit always sent unless otherwise ordered. **No Throwing Glove** furnished with any of our Mits.



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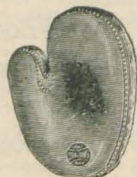


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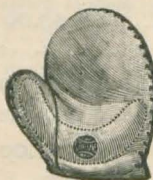
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No. **6**. Boys' Mit, leather face, canvas back, well padded.....Each, **15c.**

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No. **BX**. *The Spalding*
HIGHEST QUALITY

Basemen's Mit, made of fine selected and specially tanned calfskin, extremely well made throughout, and

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Each, **\$4.00**

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Mit, made of the very best and softest light tanned buckskin, the thumb and at wrist is extra well padded with

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Boys' Infielders' Gloves.



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Worn on toe of shoe and made for left or right foot. A valuable assistant in pitching.

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No. 1. Canvas Club Bag, leather ends, for 24 bats... **\$5.00**

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No. 02. Heavy Canvas Bag, leather reinforce at both ends... **1.50**

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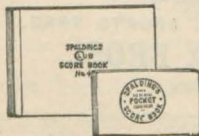
No. 7. Cloth " 120 " **3.00**

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No. 1. Paper cover, 7 games... **.10**

No. 2. Board " 22 " **.25**

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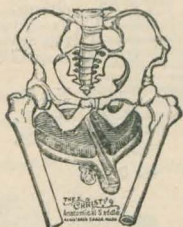
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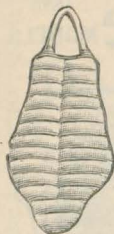
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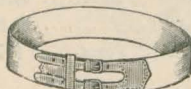
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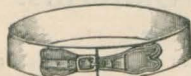


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